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Court: Biden, CDC undercut free speech

Social media platforms 'coerced' into moderating posts on covid, elections

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI AND JOSEPH MENN

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit on Friday ruled that the Biden White House, top government health officials and the FBI probably violated the First Amendment by improperly influencing tech companies' decisions to remove or suppress posts on the coronavirus and elections.

The decision was likely to be seen as victory for conservatives who've long argued that social media platforms' content moderation efforts restrict their free speech rights. But some advocates also said the ruling was an improvement over the temporary injunction that U.S. District Judge Terry A. Doughty issued July 4.

David Greene, an attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said the new injunction was "a thousand times better" than what Doughty, an appointee of former president Trump, had ordered originally.

Doughty's decision had affected a wide range of government departments and agencies, and it imposed 10 specific prohibitions on government officials. The appeals court threw out nine of those and modified the 10th to limit it to efforts to "coerce or significantly encourage social-

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Child-care costs set to jump as tap runs dry

Pandemic-era stimulus kept centers afloat. Now, a third of them may shut.

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

With her toddlers' day care closing in weeks, Lexie Monigal is back in a familiar bind: desperately searching for child care while contemplating quitting her full-time job as a surgical nurse in Menasha, Wis.

It's the second time this year her twins' day care has suddenly announced plans to shutter — both for financial difficulties — leaving her without someone to watch her 2-year-olds and exacerbating a long-standing shortage of child care in this stretch of Wisconsin.

"I've called around, searched and searched and searched, and so far, nothing," said Monigal, 27, who is eight months pregnant with her third child. "I'm getting to the point where I'd rather quit my job and really struggle financially than keep having to worry about finding care."

Millions of parents — mothers, in particular — could soon be making similar calculations, as states run out of $24 billion in stimulus money Congress had set aside for child care during the pandemic. That record investment has helped keep the indus-

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Mary Sara's relatives gather with local community members for the burial of her brain at Evergreen Washelli, a cemetery in Seattle, on Aug. 29. The family had no idea her brain had been taken until informed by Washington Post reporters.

Brain taken in 1933 finally has its burial

Smithsonian returns Alaska woman's remains to family

BY NICOLE DUNGCA AND CLAIRE HEALY

SEATTLE — Ninety years after a physician took a young Alaska woman's brain for a "racial brain collection" at the Smithsonian Institution, a museum official delivered the brain to her family for burial near the rest of her remains in Seattle.

When Mary Sara, an 18-year-old Sami woman, died of tuberculosis in a Seattle sanitarium in 1933, the doctor treating her removed her brain and mailed it to the curator of the division of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian, Ales Hrdlicka.

For decades, the National Museum of Natural History held her brain in storage, until The Washington Post learned of it earlier this year as part of its investigation into human remains held by the Smithsonian and informed Sara's living relatives that it had been taken.

On Aug. 28, a Smithsonian employee flew from the D.C. area to Seattle with Sara's brain, which was immersed in preservatives within a sealed container. The brain was later transferred to a cushioned wooden box.

During an overcast afternoon the next day, a small group of relatives and community members gathered at Evergreen Washelli, the northern Seattle cemetery where Sara's body had been buried, to lower the box with her brain into a new spot near the top of her existing grave, which has no headstone.

Before the ceremony, Rachel Twitchell-Justiss, a distant cousin of Sara's, knelt down to the burial plot. With tears in her eyes, she kissed her hand, held it to the ground and whispered a message. "I said, 'I'm so sorry this happened to you and we're going to take care of you now,'" said Twitchell-Justiss, who traveled from Spokane, Wash., for the ceremony.

Sara's family petitioned the National Museum of Natural History for the return of her brain shortly after being informed about it by reporters in February. The Post found no documents

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ARCTIC MOTHER REGAINS SIGHT BUT LOSES GIRL

Daughter Who Brought Laplander Woman 'Outside' To Cure Blindness, Herself Dies

And it was written in the book of fate that Mrs. Peter Sara, blind Arctic mother, should be healed of her blindness and that the light of her life should be taken away from her.

"Your daughter, Mary, died today."

That was the radio message that went cracking out to her over the North Pacific last night.

Six months ago, Mary brought her mother, Laplander wife of an Alaskan reindeer rancher, to Seattle for an operation they hoped would cure her blindness.

TUBERCULOSIS VICTIM

And last night, with her sight fully restored, Mrs. Sara was on the steamer W. M. Tupper, 500 miles at sea on her voyage home, while through the ether flashed the grim words telling of her daughter's death.

Mary, who was only eighteen, died at the North Grove Sanitarium, of tuberculosis. She had been ill several months.

Mrs. Sara left Friday on the Tupper, in response to a cable from her husband to come home.

CATARACTS REMOVED

Mrs. Sara's sight was restored by Dr. Charles Firestone, who performed an operation for cataracts.

Funeral services for Mary, who made many friends since she arrived in Seattle with her blind mother, will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday at the Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, under the direction of the Harpst Funeral H...

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TRAIL'S END

MARY SARA, who died here yesterday while her mother, whom she brought to Seattle to have her sight restored, was on the way to their home in Alaska.

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Sara, a member of the Sami Indigenous group, died of tuberculosis while visiting Seattle. Her brain became part of the Smithsonian's "racial brain collection."

Graham avoided charges in Ga.

GRAND JURY PUSHED TO INDICT SENATOR

DA also declined to pursue nearly 20 others

BY HOLLY BAILEY

ATLANTA — An Atlanta-area special grand jury that spent months investigating alleged 2020 election interference in Georgia by Donald Trump and his allies agreed that the former president should be indicted in the case and also recommended charging one of Trump's closest associates, Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.), and 37 other people — a far larger group than a prosecutor ultimately charged.

The recommendations were contained in a 26-page final report presented in January to Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D) and made public by a judge Friday. The report by the special grand jury, which was an investigative body and did not have the power to issue criminal indictments, largely echoed Willis's theory of the case, recommending charges for Trump and numerous others and alleging a sweeping criminal conspiracy to subvert Joe Biden's legitimate election win in Georgia.

A judge published the report at the request of the special grand jury, which cited a Georgia law that allows its recommendations to be made public. The document offered some rare insight into parts of an investigation typically marked by secrecy — not just on those who were indicted but also those who weren't. But the report, which is not legally binding, does not include the evidence or reasoning behind the grand jury's thinking, though testimony transcripts

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Meadows trial can't move to federal court, judge rules

BY AMY GARDNER

A federal judge denied a request Friday from former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows to move the Georgia election-interference case against him from state to federal court, a shift he had sought on the grounds that he was a federal officer at the time of the actions that led to his indictment.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones in the Atlanta-based Northern District of Georgia represents a setback for Meadows, who had asked for removal under a federal law that allows people charged with crimes while carrying out their official duties to be prosecuted in federal court, even in cases involving state law and state prosecutors.

Meadows had hoped a move to federal court could lead to a quick dismissal of the case against him because he had argued to Jones that as a federal officer, he is immune from prosecution for acts taken in the course of his normal work.

Instead, Jones found that the actions "at the heart of the State's

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On the Jersey Shore, an erosion of trust

A coastal town clashes with state officials over how to protect its beach

BY BRADY DENNIS

NORTH WILDWOOD, N.J. — From atop the local lifeguard headquarters, Mayor Patrick Rosenello looks out over the shrinking shoreline of his hometown.

To the north, past the kaleidoscope of umbrellas that dot the beach, he can see the massive bulkheads the city has installed to hold back the encroaching sea — the same ones at the heart of an ongoing fight with the state, which has sued North Wildwood and fined it more than $8.5 million for that and other work it says was unauthorized, misguided and destructive.

Rosenello can also glimpse the signs he posted along beach entrances this summer, bearing photos of New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (D) and the state's top environmental officer, calling

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Tourists spend time on the beach in North Wildwood, N.J. Officials in the town have tried to fight beach erosion on their own, leading to tensions with the state and more than $8.5 million in fines.

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U.S.-funded hunt for rare viruses halted amid risk concerns

Opponents of the project feared it could actually trigger an outbreak

BY JOBY WARRICK

The Biden administration has halted funding for a research program that sought to discover and catalogue thousands of exotic pathogens from around the world, officials confirmed Thursday, effectively ending a controversial virus-hunting endeavor that opponents say raised the risk of an accidental outbreak.

The U.S. Agency for International Development quietly notified the program's main contractor in July that the $125 million project was being terminated less than two years after its inception, amid opposition from lawmakers as well as a number of prominent scientists and public health experts.

A USAID spokesman said the funding was halted following a reevaluation of the "relative risks and impact" of various government-backed efforts to prevent future pandemics.

The program, called DEEP VZN — short for the Discovery and Exploration of Emerging Pathogen-Viral Zoonoses program — was led by researchers from Washington State University with the aim of collecting nearly half a million biological specimens from wildlife, and from those, isolating at least 12,000 novel viruses for further study. Set to run through 2026, it was the latest in a series of federally backed research projects that sought to identify previously unknown or exotic viruses that might some day spark a new pandemic in humans.

The decision to shutter the program was first reported by the BMJ, a publication of the British Medical Association.

While it terminates DEEP VZN, USAID is expanding other initiatives intended to facilitate a rapid response to emerging diseases in more than 50 countries around the world, including fostering the development of new vaccines, the agency spokesman said. "The covid-19 pandemic has led USAID and the U.S. government as a whole to assess priorities and approach to pandemic preparedness," the spokesperson said.

Supporters of DEEP VZN had said they hoped to be able to provide an early warning about wildlife pathogens that could someday make the jump to human beings. Scientists believe that the SARS-CoV-2 virus that sparked the coronavirus pandemic evolved from similar strains endemic in bats in southern China and Southeast Asia.

SAKCHAI LALIT/AP

A researcher places a bat into a bag inside Sai Yok National Park in Kanchanaburi province, west of Bangkok, on Aug. 1, 2020, as part of an effort to trace the coronavirus's origins.

But opponents argue that the research was as likely to trigger an outbreak as it was to prevent one. The search for exotic viruses creates opportunities for accidental infections and transmission, as scientists encounter wild animals in the field and then seek to isolate and grow previously unidentified viruses back in the laboratory for testing.

DEEP VZN (pronounced "deep vision"), launched in 2021, was the successor to earlier U.S.-backed virus-hunting programs such as STOP Spillover and PREDICT, which also focused on the search for exotic viruses. Such practices have come under increased scrutiny in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Washington Post reported in April that USAID officials had ordered DEEP VZN's managers to halt all virus-collection efforts pending an extensive safety review. The Post reported that the program had become controversial within the Biden administration. Some of the White House's science advisers argued that the mass collection of viruses was a poor tool for forecasting future pandemics and that the risks outweighed any gains in scientific knowledge.

Thomas Kawula, one of two Washington State University leads for the project, said he was disappointed with the decision but intended to continue working on programs to strengthen preparedness for new disease outbreaks.

"Our commitment to global pandemic preparedness remains," Kawula said. "There is a need for the U.S. to take a lead in investing in disease surveillance and national security resulting from proactive research in global health."

Tex. can keep buoys in Rio Grande while legal battles play out

BY NICK MIROFF

A federal appeals court has allowed Texas to leave a 1,000-foot chain of buoys in the middle of the Rio Grande while court battles over the structure are pending, halting a lower court ruling that directed the state to relocate the floating border barrier by next week.

The order issued late Thursday by a three-judge panel on the conservative U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit was a win for Gov. Greg Abbott (R), who has made the bright orange buoys a centerpiece of Operation Lone Star, the state-run campaign to block illegal border crossings into Texas.

The Biden administration filed a lawsuit in July after Texas installed the barriers in the middle of the river, arguing that the state lacked the authority to place buoys in an international waterway where the federal government has jurisdiction.

The appeals court did not address the merits of the case in its brief order but said the lower court ruling would remain on hold pending further action by the court.

Officials at the U.S. Department of Justice declined to comment Friday about the Biden administration's next possible legal moves.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra, a Reagan appointee, gave Texas until Sept. 15 to move the buoys to the U.S. side of the Rio Grande, in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Ezra said Texas's installation of the barriers had harmed public safety, navigation of the river and "the operations of federal agency officials in and around the Rio Grande."

Texas appealed Ezra's order to the 5th Circuit, arguing that the barriers are not located in a commercially navigable segment of the Rio Grande and saying they can successfully prevent illegal border entries and drug smuggling.

The state had asked the appeals court for a ruling on its stay request by noon on Sept. 12, so that officials would have enough time to coordinate barrier relocation with the Army Corps in case the judges denied the motion.

The stay by the 5th Circuit judges did not address the merits of the case and only amounted to a pause on Ezra's order to relocate the barriers by Sept. 15.

The barriers, placed at a busy spot for illegal crossings near Eagle Pass, Tex., have irked authorities in Mexico, which has longstanding treaties with the United States that govern water usage and construction activity along the river channel.

Mexico's ambassador in Washington, Esteban Moctezuma, applauded the district court ruling earlier Thursday, calling it "good news" in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

"We won the first round. The law has sided with #Mexico," Moctezuma wrote. "We will continue working with the U.S. federal government to ensure that the law is enforced, and we will continue protecting the rights of migrants and our sovereignty along the binational river border."

Attorneys for Texas challenged the government's characterization of the river as a navigable waterway, arguing the barriers are located along a span of the Rio Grande less than four feet deep. "No lawful commercial transportation or commercial vessels operate there," the state told the appeals court.

The orb-shaped buoys are anchored to the riverbed with concrete blocks, using metal disks to block people from trying to climb between them. Last month authorities recovered a drowning victim near the barriers, but Texas authorities said the person probably died upriver and floated downstream.

Abbott officials have argued the barriers "save lives" by discouraging migrants from attempting a risky crossing. "No one has attempted to climb the buoys, and no injury from them has been reported," Texas told the appeals court.

Ann E. Marimow and Robert Barnes contributed to this report.

Pelosi says she will run again in 2024 to boost her district and Democrats

Political future became a source of speculation after she left speakership

BY PAUL KANE AND AMY B WANG

Former House speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) announced Friday that she will run for reelection in 2024 for her San Francisco-area House seat, ending speculation about her political future after she decided last year that she would step down as the leader of the House Democratic caucus.

Pelosi, 83, said she had been receiving calls from people who asked if she could stay in Congress.

"I have decided now that in light of the values of San Francisco, which we have always been proud to promote, I've made the decision to seek reelection," Pelosi said during an event at a labor hall in San Francisco on Friday morning.

In a 30-minute telephone interview Friday, Pelosi said the decision to remain in Congress came down to two critical things: the needs of her district and her ability to continue using her high profile to boost Democrats, particularly financially, ahead of the 2024 elections.

"We have our local challenges, and now they are a little more significant," she said.

Pelosi wants to focus on building a high-speed rail line along the coast from San Francisco to Southern California, saying it would reduce car traffic and emissions while allowing workers to live in lower-cost regions and commute to their jobs. San Francisco also needs more federal funding to help alleviate a crime and drug problem in some downtown areas, she said, an effort that could make the city safer while respecting the "civil liberties" of the homeless population.

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Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) at the Capitol in June. She stepped down from her leadership role last fall and now says she wants to focus on local issues, such as high-speed rail, and fundraising.

While she still does not intend to seek committee assignments, Pelosi said running for reelection allows her to "amplify my role" in helping President Biden and House Democrats in next year's elections.

As long as she's actively campaigning, Pelosi can keep raising money for her own campaign account, which hauled in more than $2 million in the first six months of this year. In a very safe Democratic seat, she pours most of that into helping other campaigns, including at least $400,000 sent to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Pelosi's career has been marked by historic firsts: She was the first woman to serve as speaker of the House when she assumed the position in 2007. More than a decade later, she again assumed the speakership in 2019 after she helped usher in a large Democratic majority.

In November, Pelosi announced that she would not seek reelection as the House Democratic caucus's top leader, saying in a speech on the House floor that it was time "for a new generation to lead the Democratic caucus that I so deeply respect."

Pelosi, who does not sit on any legislative committees, is making history again by serving in the rank and file with no official perch of power. Since Sam Rayburn of Texas, who was first elected speaker in 1940, no Democratic speaker has returned to life in the rank and file and continued to serve more than a year after his or her tenure ended. Instead, Pelosi's predecessors retired from Congress at the time they gave up the gavel or within months of bowing out as speaker.

Her decision to step down as the top House Democrat last November came weeks after a hammer-wielding assailant broke into Pelosi's San Francisco home and attacked her husband. Paul Pelosi suffered a fractured skull and serious injuries to his right arm and hands, and the attack weighed heavily on Nancy Pelosi's mind as she decided on her political future. She later said that the incident almost pushed her to want to stay in Democratic leadership but that she ultimately felt "balanced" about her decision to become a rank-and-file member again.

Paul Pelosi, also 83, has about "20 to 25 percent more to go" in his recovery from October's attack, which left him with a "severe head injury," she told The Post.

She hopes that by Christmas he will be about fully recovered. "He's coming along fine," she said, noting that "if he were going in the opposite direction" she might have opted not to stay in Congress.

Pelosi, who on Thursday celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary, announced her reelection campaign at a moment when she has emerged as a staunch defender of politicians serving well into their 80s.

She has a formal role in Biden's campaign, and she continues to raise money for former attorney general Eric Holder's group fighting to help redraw congressional districts.

"We need all the help we can get," she said, explaining she believes that Democrats will win the majority and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) will become the first Black speaker. "I just can't sit it out."

Pelosi has accused critics of 90-year-old Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) of sexism for their calls for her resignation as her mental and physical condition has deteriorated in the last few years. In recent months, after a lengthy hospitalization following a case of shingles, Feinstein has been escorted around the Capitol and back home by one of Pelosi's daughters. The two families bonded living on the same San Francisco street years ago.

Pelosi has also staunchly defended Biden, 80, as he readies his reelection bid for next year amid growing questions about his age. Pelosi said critics of octogenarians like herself and Biden and nonagenarians like Feinstein need to appreciate that the test is in the ability to do the job, not one's age.

"We have wisdom. We have experience. That counts for something," she said in the Friday interview.

Despite a diet that includes hot dogs and lots of chocolate, the ex-speaker said she remains very active and agile. "I have an enormous amount of energy. I don't know if it's the chocolate or the Italian heritage," she joked.

In recent weeks, Republicans have faced similar questions after Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) had a pair of public moments this summer in which he froze up while speaking to reporters. McConnell, who suffered broken ribs and a severe concussion after falling in March, has tried to tamp down concerns about his health.

Pelosi acknowledged in December that she would be transitioning from a role that comes with "awesome power" to one with still "strong" if subtler influence, particularly on women who might want to run for office. She recalled how, when she arrived in Congress in 1987, there were only 23 women in the House out of 435 lawmakers.

"I want women to have confidence," Pelosi said in December. "So sometimes when I act a little more, shall we say, like myself, it's because I want them to know it's okay to assert yourself, to have confidence in what you bring to the table and also to understand your uniqueness."

A Pelosi victory in 2024 would seem all but assured. Since narrowly winning the nomination for her seat in a 1987 special election, Pelosi has easily won reelection every two years to one of the most liberal districts in the nation.

Under California's all-in, jungle primary system instituted in 2012, she has faced several challengers to her left in recent primaries, but none has received even 15 percent of the vote. Should she win next year, Pelosi would be 86 at the end of her term in early January 2027.

Marianna Sotomayor contributed to this report.

POLITICS & THE NATION

Use of victim's rights law on Ohio officer draws scrutiny

Woman's family claims special treatment despite video of policy violations

BY KIM BELLWARE

The fatal shooting of a pregnant woman by Ohio police last month is drawing new scrutiny to a victim's rights law that advocates of open government say is being misused by police to hide the identity of officers involved in use-of-force cases.

The family of 21-year-old Ta'Kiya Young have questioned why the Blendon Township police officer who fatally shot Young in a grocery store parking lot Aug. 24 has not been publicly named by the department nor fired or criminally charged, despite what they say are clear violations of department policy caught on body-camera footage.

"If we had video evidence of a citizen committing an act that appeared to be a murder, there would not be a long investigation [beforehand]; that suspect would be identified and that suspect would be charged," said Sean Walton Jr., an attorney for Young's family.

The two officers involved in the incident are considered victims and thus cannot be identified publicly, Blendon Township Police Chief John Belford said in a statement last week, citing the crime victim's rights amendment known as Marsy's Law. Belford said he would "defer any policy or employee discipline review" until the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) completed its probe.

The officer who did not fire his weapon is back on active duty after a brief leave because of the staffing needs of the roughly 15-person department, Belford said. The officer who shot Young remains on administrative leave.

Walton, along with Young's family, has objected to the delay in taking action against the officer who shot Young, whom they identified through eyewitness and badge number information as Connor Grubb. The Washington Post has not independently verified the identification.

At a news conference Wednesday, Walton criticized the way police have used Marsy's Law, saying it's not being used for victim privacy, as originally intended, but to shield police who use deadly force from public scrutiny.

"It's contrary to the public interest and it's contrary to public safety," he said.

PATRICK ORSAGOS/AP

A makeshift memorial sits outside of the Kroger grocery story where Ta'Kiya Young was fatally shot by Ohio police in August. Young was about seven months pregnant.

"An apology would not be genuine at this point; it has been weeks since Kiya's murder. I want [Grubb] held accountable."

Nadine Young,
grandmother of Ta'Kiya Young

AP

Young with her two sons. Her grandmother said Young had secured stable housing just days before her killing.

Police embrace law meant for crime victims

The first Marsy's Law — named for 21-year-old Marsalee Nicholas, who was killed by her boyfriend in 1983 — passed in California in 2008 with the aim of expanding victims' rights under the state constitution. Those rights included creating notification requirements about a defendant's parole hearings or release, and allowing crime victims to redact their name, addresses or other identifying information from case-related public records.

More than a dozen states have since adopted Marsy's Law, including Ohio, where it passed in a 2017 voter referendum and took effect earlier this year. But as the law has expanded, police departments around the country — including in Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin — have sought to use it as cover for officers involved in use-of-force incidents, including several cases this summer.

Between July 6 and Aug. 9, officers with the Columbus Police Department were involved in four separate fatal shootings, Axios reported. In each case, Marsy's Law was cited as the reason the officers could not be identified to the public.

The ability of officers to invoke Marsy's Law in police use-of-force incidents is "problematic," said Jack Greiner, a media and First Amendment attorney in Cincinnati. The law makes it difficult for the public to get the full context of an incident, including whether an officer has a record of disciplinary infractions or a history of involvement in other fatal shootings.

"It really is of public interest which cop is involved," Greiner said. There are also constitutional implications of a law that obscures officers' identities from public view, Greiner said, noting that courts have generally agreed that the public has the right to monitor police activity.

Fred Gittes, a Columbus attorney who specializes in police misconduct, privacy and public records cases, said the original intent of Marsy's Law is being "twisted" by police officials who, by definition as public employees, should not be anonymous.

"Police officers are public servants, licensed to kill, and we need to know who they are," said Gittes, who has also represented police officers. Law enforcement officers deserve appropriate protections, but their use of Marsy's Law, he said, goes "way too far."

The Blendon Township police chief said in a statement that the officer who shot Young was the victim of attempted vehicular assault because Young struck him as she moved her car. The other officer was a victim of misdemeanor assault because his hand was inside her window as she pulled away.

Edited body-camera footage of the incident released last week shows an officer approach Young in her car while it's running and knock on her window and windshield as he orders her to exit the car. A store employee had accused Young of shoplifting. Young partially rolls down her window to ask why, as the second officer, identified by Young's family and their attorney as Grubb, approaches. He draws his pistol, aims at Young's windshield and stands in front of the car. As Young turns the wheels to move the car, she strikes the officer, who fires a single shot at her through the windshield.

Young, who was roughly seven months pregnant at the time, died of her injuries at the hospital. The baby she was carrying did not survive.

Family says officer clearly violated use-of-force policy

Nadine Young, Ta'Kiya's grandmother, says police have been "dishonest" and have not treated the family with compassion or respect. Now, she wants action.

"An apology would not be genuine at this point; it has been weeks since Kiya's murder. I want [Grubb] held accountable," she told The Washington Post in a message Thursday as she prepared for her granddaughter's funeral.

At the news conference Wednesday, she sat next to Walton, her attorney, as he went through the body-camera video and noted where the officer's actions violated Blendon Township Police Department policy. Regarding the use of force and moving vehicles, the policy states:

"When feasible, officers should take reasonable steps to move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the imminent threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others. Officers should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle."

While the claim that Young had shoplifted from the store has not been substantiated, Walton said drawing a firearm was an excessive response by police that shows further failure to de-escalate.

"There is no reasonable officer in this country that should pull their weapon out for petty theft," he said.

Walton said that while civil litigation such as a wrongful-death suit remains an option for Young's family, "our hope is that the state will help take action first."

The timeline of the state's action is unclear: The BCI's review of the shooting is ongoing; when it concludes, the case will be referred to Franklin County prosecutors, who will determine whether to bring charges, convene a grand jury, or do nothing.

'Kiya's life mattered'

Until two weeks ago, Young had been looking forward to helping her granddaughter welcome a new baby in the fall.

Ta'Kiya had picked out several names ahead of her mid-November due date but had yet to settle on one, Nadine Young said. Ta'Kiya, who had two sons, had bought items for what would have been the first baby girl in a family full of boys — and Nadine's first great-granddaughter.

"Few days ago I found a box of onesies and little things she had stored in my garage. It broke my heart," Young told The Post in an email.

The unworn onesies are just a small piece of the brighter future Young saw her granddaughter striving for. The past several years had been difficult for Ta'Kiya, including a stretch in 2021 that included a bout of homelessness and an arrest in April for failing to comply with an officer's orders during a traffic stop, according to court records.

The next year, Ta'Kiya's mother died, "which just devastated her," Young said.

More recently, Ta'Kiya wanted to go back to school to become a social worker, Young said. And she had secured stable housing and was planning to move with her sons, 6-year-old Ja'Kobie and 3-year-old Ja'Kenlie.

"All she wanted was a place of her own and she had been approved for her own place in Sandusky days before her murder," Young said. "That's been heavy on my mind and heart . . . that she achieved that goal."

Young said she'll miss seeing her granddaughter's name — "Kiya Boo" — flash on her phone. She misses her spirit and humor — "she was a high-energy and a ball of light," Young said. She will tell Ta'Kiya's two young sons about the plans their mother had for them.

Young would also tell something to the police who fatally shot her granddaughter: "That Kiya's life mattered, regardless of what that officer thought of her."

Justice Alito will not recuse in case involving lawyer who interviewed him

BY ROBERT BARNES

Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. on Friday dismissed calls from Democratic senators that he recuse himself from an upcoming Supreme Court tax case because one of the attorneys in the matter interviewed the justice twice for articles that appeared on the Wall Street Journal editorial page.

When Washington lawyer David B. Rivkin Jr. co-authored the articles, "he did so as a journalist, not an advocate," Alito wrote in a statement attached to a routine orders list issued by the court Friday.

"The case in which he is involved was never mentioned; nor did we discuss any issue in that case either directly or indirectly. His involvement in the case was disclosed in the second article, and therefore readers could take that into account."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) and other Democrats on the committee wrote to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. last month saying that Alito had crossed an ethical line in giving two interviews to Rivkin and Journal editorial page features editor James Taranto while Rivkin at the same time is representing a couple seeking Supreme Court review of a tax case. The court said in June — before one of the interviews — that it would hear the case in the term that begins in October.

Durbin said Friday afternoon that Alito's refusal to recuse adds to a "crisis of [the court's] own making," adding that Roberts's "failure to act remains untenable."

Alito "surprises no one by sitting on a case involving a lawyer who honored him with a puff piece in the *Wall Street Journal,"* Durbin said in a statement. "Why do these Justices continue to take a wrecking ball to the reputation of the highest court in the land?"

Justices do not routinely sit for newspaper interviews. But Alito has made the Wall Street Journal editorial page his preferred venue for public communication: disputing a ProPublica piece about an Alaskan fishing trip he took that was paid for by a wealthy benefactor and then defending himself in the interviews with Taranto and Rivkin, an attorney prominent in conservative legal circles.

In the most recent article, Alito said he expected the organized legal community to speak out for him and other justices. "But that's just not happening. And so at a certain point I've said to myself, nobody else is going to do this, so I have to defend myself."

The letter to Roberts from the Democratic senators said that Rivkin's "efforts to help Justice Alito air his personal grievances could cast doubt on Justice Alito's ability to fairly discharge his duties in a case in which Mr. Rivkin represents one of the parties."

"As you wrote in 2011, '[j]udges must exercise both constant vigilance and good judgment to fulfill the obligations they have all taken since the beginning of the Republic,' " the letter said. "Due to the aforementioned violations of the Statement on Ethics, which Justice Alito himself signed, we believe that he has exercised neither. Recusal in these matters is the only reasonable way for Justice Alito to prevent further damage to public confidence in the Court."

Alito noted in his response Friday that justices make their own decisions about recusal, and the chief justice plays no role. He said justices often participate in cases in which they know the lawyers, and are required to put aside their personal relationships.

"Senator Durbin's request for my recusal is presumably based on the theory that my vote in [the case] will be affected in some way by the content of the articles that resulted from the interviews, but that theory fundamentally misunderstands the circumstances under which Supreme Court Justices must work," Alito wrote.

"We have no control over the attorneys whom parties select to represent them, and as a result, we are often presented with cases in which one of the attorneys has spoken favorably or unfavorably about our work or character. Similarly, we regularly receive briefs filed by or on behalf of Members of Congress who have either supported or opposed our confirmations, or who have made either favorable or unfavorable comments about us or our work."

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It is rare for members of Congress and parties in cases to seek a justice's recusal, and thus rare for a justice to respond in detail. But the lawmakers' request is representative of the ongoing battle over ethics at the Supreme Court, and tension especially between conservative justices and Senate Democrats.

In one of the Wall Street Journal articles in question, Alito said flatly that Congress had no role to play in prescribing an ethics code specific to the high court.

"I know this is a controversial view, but I'm willing to say it," Alito said. "No provision in the Constitution gives them the authority to regulate the Supreme Court — period."

Durbin cited those remarks in his letter to Roberts, saying Alito inappropriately commented on pending legislation and should recuse himself in the tax case, *Moore v. United States.*

Alito on Friday supplied a list of interviews other justices have conducted with media outlets that, at the time, had interests before the court. But those interviews were by journalists employed by the media outlets, and the interviewers were not parties to the legal interests being asserted at the Supreme Court.

In addition, Alito's statement said some of his fellow justices "have been interviewed by attorneys who have also practiced in this Court, and some have co-authored books with such attorneys." He mentioned his colleague Justice Neil M. Gorsuch. "Those interviews did not result in or require recusal," Alito wrote.

Gorsuch's 2019 book, "A Republic If You Can Keep It," says on the cover that it was written "with" Jane Nitze and David Feder, two former law clerks. Alito's statement on Friday said Feder filed an amicus brief in supporting the petitioner in a case in 2021. But Feder's client was not a party to the case, and the court denied the request without comment.

Ga. special grand jury recommended charges for Graham

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and evidence are likely to emerge as part of the criminal proceedings against those who were ultimately charged in the case.

The report's release comes three weeks after a regular grand jury indicted Trump and 18 allies on multiple charges including racketeering, alleging that they illegally conspired to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia — a case built heavily upon evidence and testimony gathered by the special grand jury.

But the special grand jury's recommendations went beyond the charges Willis and her team ultimately pursued, suggesting that 20 other people be criminally charged in the matter, including Graham, Trump campaign attorneys Cleta Mitchell and Boris Epshteyn, former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn, pro-Trump attorney L. Lin Wood, and former senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, both Republicans from Georgia.

A spokesman for Graham did not respond to a request for comment, but the senator, speaking to reporters in South Carolina, denied any wrongdoing and called the grand jury recommendation "troubling for the country."

"To suggest I'm part of some grand scheme to overturn the election makes no sense," Graham said. ". . . I think there's an effort in this country to weaponize the law. And we should all be worried because you're opening Pandora's box here."

In a statement posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, Loeffler said she would make "no apologies" for her post-election efforts in 2020. "Trying to jail your party's leading political opponent ahead of 2024 is election interference," she said. "Speaking out in defense of election integrity is not."

Epshteyn declined to comment. Mitchell did not respond to texts seeking comment. A lawyer for Perdue did not respond to an email requesting comment.

Wood, reached by telephone, said he had nothing to do with efforts to overturn the election. "I did not sign, file or draft or have anything to do with any of those lawsuits," he said.

Wood said it was unfair for a report recommending his indictment to become public.

"I was not indicted," he said. "I have no idea what they say I should have been indicted for. I think it's a smear, but it is what it is."

Jesse Binnall, an attorney for Flynn, also criticized the report, describing it as a "baseless witch hunt" that "isn't based on fact, or the law or reality."

"Today's report reveals even more corruption by a politically-motivated prosecutor with one goal: to take down President Trump, his associates, and interfere in the 2024 election," Binnall said in a statement.

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Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) was one of 39 people whom a special grand jury in Georgia recommended be charged in connection to Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the election results in that state. Prosecutors ultimately charged 19 people.

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A spokesman for Willis declined to comment.

Graham was among the 75 witnesses summoned to appear before the special grand jury last year as prosecutors scrutinized phone calls that the South Carolina Republican made to Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state, in the weeks after the 2020 election, as well as other issues related to the election.

Graham's calls to Raffensperger came weeks before Trump's infamous January 2021 phone call, in which the then-president pressed Raffensperger to "find" enough votes to overturn his defeat in the state, where Biden claimed victory by fewer than 12,000 votes.

Raffensperger later told The Washington Post that he felt pressured by other Republicans, including Graham, who he said echoed Trump's claims about voting irregularities in the state. He said that Graham, on one call, appeared to be asking him to find a way to set aside legally cast ballots.

Graham and his attorneys have strongly rejected that characterization, describing the senator's interactions with Raffensperger as "investigatory phone calls" that were meant to inform his decision-making on whether to vote to certify the election for Biden and to inform other Senate work.

Graham later challenged his subpoena to appear before the special grand jury — a fight that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. He ultimately appeared before the panel last November, an appearance he described Friday as a "very respectful two-hour conversation . . . where I told them what I did and why." Graham told reporters he has had no further contact with Fulton County prosecutors.

According to the report, the special grand jury recommended that Graham be charged as part of the "national effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election, focused on efforts in Georgia, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia" in violation of Georgia's anti-racketeering statute. According to the report, the vote on Graham was not unanimous: 13 jurors voted to indict, seven voted no and one abstained.

The special grand jury also recommended an indictment for former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows for his alleged role in the "national effort" to overturn the vote. But the panel did not suggest a charge for his role in the phone call between Trump and Raffensperger — which prosecutors ultimately did charge as part of last month's expansive indictment, alleging that Meadows illegally solicited a public official to violate his oath of office.

According to the report, a majority of the special grand jury recommended charges for Trump in three areas: the call with Raffensperger, calls to "multiple Georgia officials and employees" and the "national effort" to overturn the election results. But vote tallies listed in the report show that the jury was not unanimous. In each of the three votes, one juror voted "no" on charges against Trump based on evidence presented by prosecutors.

Jurors were also split on racketeering charges against Perdue and Loeffler, who joined Trump in questioning the legitimacy of Georgia's election results but were not ultimately indicted. Four jurors voted against the charge for Perdue, and six voted no on Loeffler. In a footnote, one of the dissenting jurors says of their vote against RICO charges that the senators' post-election statements, "while pandering to their political base, do not give rise to their being guilty of a criminal conspiracy."

The grand jury also suggested charges for several Georgia Republicans who served as alternate electors for Trump and signed documents falsely claiming he had won the election in Georgia — though many were later granted immunity in the case.

The special-purpose grand jury spent roughly seven months last year hearing from witnesses and gathering evidence as part of Willis's investigation of efforts by Trump and his allies to overturn the former president's 2020 election loss in Georgia.

The investigative body of 23 jurors and three alternates, picked from a pool of residents of Atlanta and its suburbs, was given full subpoena power for documents and the ability to call witnesses — which Willis said she needed to compel testimony from those reluctant to speak to her office about the case.

From June to December, the panel heard from a parade of prominent Republicans including Graham, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, along with dozens of other witnesses — among them some who had not previously given public testimony on what they knew about Trump's efforts to reverse Biden's 2020 victory in Georgia.

Under Georgia law, the special grand jury could not issue indictments, only charging recommendations to Willis. Her office used evidence gathered by the special grand jury to present its case last month to a regular grand jury, which had the power to issue criminal indictments and charged Trump and 18 others.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, who oversaw the special grand jury, previously ordered a partial release of the report in February, including a section where jurors suggested that some unnamed witnesses may have committed perjury. But McBurney kept most of its recommendations sealed to protect the due-process rights of "potential future defendants" as Willis and her office considered whether to file charges in the case.

Last month, after the indictments, McBurney ordered the full release of the report, which included a roster of laws that the special grand jury believed had been broken and a list of who they believed should be charged, along with tallies on how jurors voted.

McBurney set a deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday for anyone who believed that the report should not be made public to file an objection to its release. In an order authorizing the report's release Friday, McBurney said no one had "lodged" an objection.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee, who is overseeing the case, has set an Oct. 23 trial date for at least two of those charged: former Trump campaign attorneys Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell. Willis and her team are seeking to jointly try all 19 defendants beginning next month. McAfee has indicated he will issue a ruling next week.

In the report's conclusion — which was made public in February — the special grand jurors emphasized that their findings came directly from them. They wrote that the district attorney's office "had nothing to do with the recommendations contained herein" and noted that the jury did not include any "election law experts or criminal lawyers."

"The majority of this grand jury used their collective best efforts, however, to attend every session, listen to every witness and attempt to understand the facts as presented and the laws as explained," the jurors wrote.

In an addendum, the jurors pointedly noted that the panel unanimously agreed that Georgia's 2020 presidential vote had not been marred by "widespread fraud," contrary to what Trump and many of his allies have claimed.

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Judge denies effort by Mark Meadows to move election case to federal court

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charges against Meadows were taken on behalf of the Trump campaign with the ultimate goal of affecting state election activities and procedures." He added: "Meadows himself testified that working for the Trump campaign would be outside the scope of a White House Chief of Staff."

Meadows's lawyers Friday evening quickly filed a notice to appeal the ruling.

The sweeping indictment filed last month in Fulton County, Ga., alleges former president Donald Trump and 18 co-defendants, including Meadows, operated a vast criminal enterprise for the purpose of illegally reversing Trump's defeat against Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election in Georgia.

The Meadows decision was the first major ruling in the Georgia case, which will feature a regular rotation of appearances by the defendants in state and federal courtrooms to litigate pretrial issues in the coming weeks — a reminder of the case's complexity and the potential for delays before it can be heard, ultimately, by a jury.

Jones's decision is also not good news for four other co-defendants who have sought to move their cases to federal court. Jones said during Meadows's Aug. 28 hearing that he expected his ruling to serve as precedent for other cases. While Trump has not sought removal, his lawyers indicated in a Superior Court filing on Thursday that he "may do so." The decision would appear to bode poorly for him, too, if he chooses to seek removal.

In the ruling, Jones made a reference to Trump's now-famous Jan. 2, 2021, phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger (R), seeking to "find" enough voters to reverse Trump's defeat in the state. He said the call "was made regarding private litigation" brought by Trump and his campaign, and therefore outside of Meadows's — and presumably Trump's — federal role.

Jones's ruling represents a victory for Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis, who will retain her home-field advantage by keeping the case in Fulton County Superior Court, where she knows the judges and where the trial will be governed by familiar state, not federal, procedures.

Had Meadows prevailed, Jones's next step would have been to consider his request to dismiss the case outright under a legal principle similar to the one he used to argue for removal — that he is immune from prosecution because he was acting as a federal officer.

Now, Meadows's case will proceed in Fulton County Superior Court with no opportunity to make that argument — though he has the option to appeal the decision to the 11th Circuit, a notably conservative court that could view the issue differently from Jones, whom Barack Obama appointed to the bench. Ultimately, Meadows could ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the issue.

At the heart of the federal removal question is whether Meadows's actions that led to criminal charges were taken within the scope of his duties as a federal officer. Jones ruled that while some of Meadows's actions that were described in the indictment met that standard — such as managing the president's schedule and attending meetings — others did not, including the broader charge that he participated in a racketeering conspiracy to overturn the election.

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Mark Meadows had sought the shift on the grounds that he was a federal officer at the time of the actions that led to his indictment.

"As a senior official in the executive branch, Meadows cannot have acted in his role as a federal officer with respect to any efforts to influence, interfere with, disrupt, oversee, or change state elections," Jones wrote. "Those activities are expressly delegated to the States."

Jones also appeared troubled by portions of Meadows's testimony, during which he "was unable to explain the limits of his authority." The federal Hatch Act, Jones wrote, prohibits an employee from using his official authority or influence to affect the outcome of an election. While Meadows has not been charged with a Hatch Act violation, Jones wrote that working with or for the Trump campaign — beyond scheduling and travel — "exceeds the outer limits of the Office of the White House chief of staff."

"Even if Meadows took on tasks that mirror the duties that he carried out when acting in his official role as White House Chief of Staff (such as attending meetings, scheduling phone calls, and managing the President's time), he has failed to demonstrate how the election-related activities that serve as the basis for the charges in the Indictment are related to any of his official acts," Jones wrote.

The Georgia case is the fourth criminal indictment against Trump this year. Special counsel Jack Smith has brought two federal cases against him, one in Washington alleging election interference, and the other in Miami alleging he mishandled classified documents after he left the White House. Trump is also charged in New York with falsifying business records in connection to hush money paid to adult film actress Stormy Daniels before the 2016 presidential election. A federal judge previously rejected Trump's attempt to move that case from state to federal court.

Trump argued he reimbursed lawyer Michael Cohen for making the payments to Daniels after he took office to protect his presidency and thus was acting as a federal official. U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein found that the charges pertained to Trump's personal life and did not involve his official duties as president.

The four defendants in the Georgia case who have also sought to move their cases to federal court are former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark, former Georgia Republican Party chairman David Shafer, Georgia state Sen. Shawn Still (R) and Cathy Latham, the former GOP chair for Coffee County and a member of the Georgia Republican Party's executive committee. Shafer, Still and Latham served as pro-Trump electors in 2020, and Latham was also charged for her alleged role in allowing outsiders to copy the hard drives of sensitive election equipment in Georgia's Coffee County.

The 98-page indictment sought by Willis describes a series of acts Meadows took in the weeks after Trump lost the presidential election, including meeting with state lawmakers in Michigan and Pennsylvania and visiting a Georgia site where signatures on absentee ballots were being verified. It alleges those efforts were part of what Willis has charged was an illegal racketeering conspiracy to overturn the results.

The indictment alleges that Meadows also illegally solicited a public official to violate his oath by joining Trump on the Raffensperger call.

At an Aug. 28 hearing, Jones appeared skeptical of Meadows's claim that he was simply "trying to land the plane" — participating in meetings and phone calls at which Trump and others discussed how to reverse his Georgia defeat primarily to keep Trump on schedule.

At the same hearing, prosecutors noted that in an email to Trump campaign aide Jason Miller, Meadows said, "We just need to have someone coordinating the electors for states." They also showed how Meadows referred to "we" during the Raffensperger call. Meadows testified that he was using the word "we" too loosely and he meant the campaign, not including himself.

At one point, Jones pressed Meadows's lead attorney, George J. Terwilliger III, about whether he believed there to be any "limitation" to what his client was allowed to do in his job as Trump's chief of staff. Terwilliger essentially said no, describing Meadows as an "alter ego" of Trump who was consistently acting as a "federal authority" of the executive branch.

That claim quickly drew a rebuke from Donald Wakeford, an assistant Fulton County district attorney, who said the Hatch Act makes clear there is a limitation — by expressly prohibiting government officials from using their roles to influence an election. Wakeford said Meadows saw "no distinction" between his White House work and the Trump campaign.

One factor that federal removal does not change is the eligibility of defendants for a federal pardon. Because the case would be tried under Georgia statutes, not federal ones, Georgia would retain jurisdiction of the possibility of a pardon, several legal experts said. And in Georgia, that power rests with an appointed board, not the governor. So even if Trump is reelected in 2024, he would not have the power to pardon the Georgia defendants.

Coastal town, N.J. officials in public flap over beach erosion

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Heavy surf from Hurricane Jose eroded the dune structure in North Wildwood, N.J., in 2017, one of several storms that have damaged the beach in the coastal town. Signs near the beaches urge New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy to fix the sand dunes. North Wildwood Mayor Patrick Rosenello has been frustrated by what he says is the state's inaction over beach erosion in his town.

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them "directly responsible" for failing to fix the erosion problems here.

"I try not to pour fuel on the fire," said the man who has poured a considerable amount of fuel on this fire in recent months.

But he isn't apologizing.

The way the mayor sees it, this scenic town of 5,000 — a number that swells to nearly 10 times that each summer — has little choice but to take matters into its own hands. Murphy speaks often about climate change and resilience, Rosenello said, but for years North Wildwood has grappled with erosion, rising seas and fierce storms largely alone while other coastal communities have seen their beaches restored.

"It's easy to sit in Trenton and talk about these things," he said, referring to New Jersey's capital. "But here's a real-world resilience project that his administration can't get done. … We've spent an enormous amount of money, and they've done nothing."

Shawn LaTourette, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, calls Rosenello's accusations disingenuous. The main reason a long-planned beach nourishment project has languished is not because of state inaction, he said in an interview, but rather because the communities along the five-mile-long island that is home to North Wildwood failed to universally embrace the project until this year.

"This is the part of the story that I think folks misunderstand," said LaTourette, whose picture is featured on Rosenello's signs. "We've been eager for the last decade to help here, but that help has been rebuffed."

The peculiar, acrimonious fight playing out along the Jersey Shore is, in one sense, an outlier — a rare case in which state and municipal officials have launched legal battles and remained at loggerheads over how best to safeguard a threatened stretch of shoreline.

At the same time, the standoff between North Wildwood and New Jersey — a state experts say has been proactive on long-term planning and coastal adaptation — hints at the sort of conflicts likely to unfold more often in the age of climate change.

As sea levels surge, storms grow more intense, wildfire risks spread and destructive rainfalls proliferate, adapting to those shifting realities is becoming more expensive and urgent.

"It's a bad thing to have every town for themselves," said A.R. Siders, a University of Delaware professor who researches climate adaptation policies. At the same time, she said, localities are on the front lines of the problem and often can move more quickly than states or the federal government.

"There is a real tension here between these levels of government that we don't have a great way of solving at the moment," she said.

"I do think we are going to see a lot more of these kinds of fights."

'Flagrant disregard for the law'

Decades ago, an expanse of beach nearly 1,500 feet wide unfurled along much of North Wildwood. "Sand accumulated, plants grew, and these island dunes were impressive," according to a historical analysis from Stockton University's Coastal Research Center.

That reality has changed dramatically.

North Wildwood's location at the tip of a barrier island, along with the shifting sands of nearby Hereford Inlet, has led to relentless erosion. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers led construction of a sea wall at the northern end of town that was completed in 2006. And the state of New Jersey teamed with North Wildwood on a beach restoration project that commenced in 2009.

But over the past decade, storms have eaten away at the city's defenses. Some had names — Sandy, Irene, Jonas, Ian. Others were nor'easters that swept in to devour dunes and shrink what beach remained.

On several occasions since 2013, North Wildwood installed vinyl and steel bulkheads along stretches of the beach where dunes had atrophied, and nearby roads, buildings and drainage systems were left mostly defenseless. Rosenello said the city notified state regulators of the work, but did not wait for explicit approval.

"There's no doubt that the actions we took saved blocks of the town from being washed away," he insisted.

North Wildwood also trucked in massive amounts of sand from neighboring towns each winter, believing that the federally backed renourishment project approved in the wake of Hurricane Sandy would soon become reality.

But after years of delay, the project isn't scheduled to begin until 2025.

The clash between North Wildwood and state regulators escalated in December, when the DEP sued to prevent town leaders from installing several additional blocks of steel bulkheads.

In its 500-page complaint, the agency said the planned work was "illegal" and that there was no "imminent or ongoing threat" to lives or property. It also argued that it risked "permanent and irreparable harm" to vegetated dunes and wetlands that could provide habitat to endangered species, such as peregrine falcons.

Early this year, the town countersued, arguing that its efforts were "absolutely necessary," and that the state had "stifled" its ability to protect against erosion and sea levels that are rising "at alarming rates."

The town is seeking a $21 million reimbursement — an amount it claims it spent in recent years on largely unsuccessful efforts to fortify its beach. Meanwhile, state regulators have fined North Wildwood more than $8.5 million for its history of unauthorized actions along the beachfront.

In May, the chilly relationship appeared to thaw briefly when the DEP allowed the town to perform emergency repairs to several dunes ahead of the Memorial Day holiday. But in early June, when crews did additional work, regulators issued yet another notice of violation.

"They broke the law. … It's not retaliatory. It's just the way that it works," LaTourette said. "No other community in the state has done this. Not to this degree."

The mayor soon posted dozens of signs lambasting Murphy and LaTourette. And LaTourette sent a five-page letter, saying he was "perplexed" by the town's actions, "which again break state law, violate a court order, and contradict our many productive personal discussions."

He wrote that the agency had repeatedly advised city leaders that "illegal measures that you *believe* will combat erosion … may in fact make matters worse." While many municipalities face similar problems, he wrote, North Wildwood's "flagrant disregard for the law" stands apart.

In the interview, LaTourette said that when he took office in 2021, he was bewildered that the area was the last remaining stretch of coastline without an active resilience project — especially given that it was widely known as "an erosional hot spot."

"I found it anathema," LaTourette said, adding that he "set about to get the communities to the table and to sign on to this agreement, because you see what's happening in North Wildwood."

Eventually, he said, the state secured necessary agreements from all municipalities on the barrier island, allowing the project to go forward. The Army Corps said in a statement that the project to pump sand and bolster dunes along the island, estimated to cost $25 million to $30 million, "is expected to begin between 18 and 24 months from now."

But LaTourette warned that if North Wildwood continues to flout state oversight, regulators "will have no choice but to pursue aggressive enforcement action," including significant penalties.

Rosenello responded July 11, once again defending the town's decisions, but adding that he remains eager for "positive outcomes and not seemingly never-ending legal battles."

For now, at least, the legal battles continue.

A never-ending fight for sand

North Wildwood is among the last communities to receive a beach nourishment in the decade since Hurricane Sandy ravaged the Jersey Shore, but such projects have been never-ending along one of the most densely populated coastlines in the country. As of 2022, according to one presentation, roughly 90 percent of New Jersey's developed coast was part of an Army Corps-backed resilience project.

According to data from the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University, more than $2.5 billion (adjusted for inflation) has been spent on hundreds of replenishment projects in New Jersey over the past century. That amounts to more than one-fifth of the total nationwide, despite the fact that New Jersey's Atlantic coastline measures just 130 miles.

"It is the center of beach nourishment in the U.S. — not by miles, but by how long its been going on, the cost and how frequently we have to redo these projects," said Rob Young, a coastal geology professor and director of the WCU program.

The state's 2021 coastal resilience plan notes that New Jersey's beaches and dunes protect billions of dollars of development, the bustling tourism industry and a plethora of natural resources. But the state acknowledges that sea level rise and more intense storms are expected to pose growing ecological and economic risks.

Kimberly McKenna, interim executive director of Stockton University's Coastal Research Center, said given their critical role in the New Jersey economy, the long-term commitments to protect coastal communities makes sense.

But those promises are becoming more complicated and costly.

As sea levels rise and storms intensify, certain places require beach nourishments more often. Labor costs have risen. And as finite sources of sand dwindle, officials must hunt for new places to dredge safely.

Broader questions persist about whether New Jersey, like other threatened areas, should do more to limit coastal development or consider retreating from the most vulnerable spots. But as long as the federal government funds the bulk of beach protection, Young said, there are fewer incentives to reckon with those hard questions.

"In New Jersey, they've been very lucky. Federal taxpayers have been footing the bill for most of it," he said.

LaTourette said the state eventually will have to confront those long-term challenges. "For how long can we do this?" he said. "That is a major policy question."

While New Jersey has done planning for the future and aggressively pursued federal hazard mitigation dollars, the country as a whole is mostly unprepared for the risks coming to many places, said Siders.

"We are working really hard to keep everything exactly where and how it is today," she said. "That is not how climate change works."

In the short term, McKenna believes North Wildwood will get the beach nourishment it craves, despite the public spat.

"I think they will be able to get together and solve their differences," she said. "Everybody in this case understands the urgency."

For his part, LaTourette called the vilification of state officials unproductive and disappointing but said finishing the beach protection project in North Wildwood and neighboring communities remains a top priority.

"Our climate realities are staring us in the face, and it's scary. All the more reason to push forward and get this project done," he said. "It will get done, I am absolutely confident."

"There is a real tension here between these levels of government that we don't have a great way of solving at the moment."

A.R. Siders, University of Delaware professor

'We can't wait'

At least within the boundaries of North Wildwood — part of a decidedly red county in a reliably blue state — Rosenello, 50, appears to enjoy broad support for the city's clash with state officials.

Michael Galioto, who along with his wife owns the Northwind Motel, is grateful the town erected bulkheads in recent years, even if it did so without the blessing of the state.

"We may be beachfront property if that weren't the case," he said.

Galioto worries that if the erosion persists, his customers might head to nearby towns such as Wildwood, which has an expansive beach, or Avalon, where a nourishment project was completed this spring.

Several blocks south, Robert Del Monte shares those concerns. His family has owned the Matador Oceanfront Resort for generations. "This beach has really taken a beating," Del Monte said as he stood on the resort's rooftop patio. "We can't wait. One bad storm and we could be in a lot of trouble."

On a recent summer afternoon, the feud that hangs over North Wildwood seemed like an afterthought to the crowds that flocked to the beach and strolled the boardwalk. A large sign welcomed visitors with the slogan, "Sun and Sand" — even as the town is in desperate need of the latter. Planes flew low over the shore, pulling banners that advertised $1 oysters and live music. An Italian ice stand bustled with business.

Cyclists and dog walkers meandered past the signs criticizing top state officials and urging residents to tell them "you want answers immediately!"

"My frustration is not personal," said Rosenello, who took office in 2014. "It's just that they are the people running these huge bureaucracies that cannot get this done."

Slowly but unmistakably, the tide began to come in.

The waves inched ever closer to the barriers that rise eight feet tall in places, forcing the remaining sunbathers to fold their chairs, pack their umbrellas and head toward higher ground.

‘Now, 90 years later, Mary’s body will be made whole’

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Rachel Twitchell-Justiss, left, and Martha Sara Jack, cousins of Mary Sara’s, lower into the ground a suede bag containing a wooden box holding her brain. The bag was sewn by the Smithsonian employee who traveled to Seattle to return the brain last week.

indicating that Sara or her family had given consent for its removal at the time.

The Post investigation published last month revealed that the Natural History Museum held 255 brains, including Sara’s, in a Maryland storage facility. The vast majority were collected in the early 20th century at the behest of Hrdlicka, a prominent anthropologist who believed in the superiority of White people. The 254 brains that remain are just a fraction of at least 30,700 human remains still kept by the museum, the majority of which appear to have been taken without consent.

Smithsonian officials said they have returned or offered to return over 6,300 sets of remains over the last three decades. Sara’s is the fifth brain from the collection to be returned to families or tribes. The other four brains were repatriated to Native American families or communities, because federal law requires the Smithsonian to notify Native American tribes of the remains in its possession. The last brain to be returned was sent to a Tlingit family in Sitka, Alaska, in 2007.

Following the investigation, Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III wrote an opinion piece published in The Post in which he apologized for the way the institution collected many of its human remains, calling it the Smithsonian’s “darkest history.”

“It was abhorrent and dehumanizing work, and it was carried out under the Smithsonian’s name,” wrote Bunch, who took charge of the institution in 2019. “I condemn these past actions and apologize for the pain caused by Hrdlicka and others at the institution who acted unethically in the name of science, regardless of the era in which their actions occurred.”

The museum had approved the return of Sara’s brain earlier this year, and shortly after The Post published its investigation in August, the director of the Natural History Museum, Kirk Johnson, called Martha Sara Jack, Sara’s cousin, to help arrange the burial. Johnson declined to comment through a spokesman.

Sara had traveled to Washington state in January 1933 from her Alaska hometown to accompany her mother for cataract surgery. Charles Firestone, the doctor who would later restore her mother’s eyesight, had invited the two women, who were Sami, or Indigenous people from areas including northern Scandinavia.

Sara became sick with tuberculosis and was sent to a nearby sanitarium, where she would spend her 18th birthday. She died in May while her mother was on a ship back to Alaska, and Firestone offered Sara’s brain to Hrdlicka on the same day. Hrdlicka told Firestone he was interested but only, he said, if she was “full-blood,” using a racist term to question whether both her parents were Sami. Firestone sent her brain to the museum.

At the ceremony for Sara last week, cemetery officials set up a small green table and two rows of chairs in front of the grave. On the table, Sara’s brain sat inside a wooden box placed atop a blue suede bag that Carol Butler, the Smithsonian employee who transported the remains, had sewn for the occasion. On behalf of the Natural History Museum, Butler attended the service as well as a breakfast with the family at a hotel that Sara once visited.

Jack’s husband, Fred, played recordings of Christian hymns on an iPad, and Julie Whitehorn, a local Sami community member, used her phone to play traditional Sami songs known as joiks. Jack, who was born 12 years after Sara died, told the small crowd that she had heard about her cousin through stories that were passed down to her. Sara had been close friends with Jack’s mother and planned to marry a childhood sweetheart when she returned from Seattle.

“Without the knowledge or consent from her family, Dr. Firestone maliciously desecrated Mary’s young body,” said Jack, who had traveled from Wasilla, Alaska. “Now, 90 years later, Mary’s body will be made whole and laid to rest until the Resurrection.”

Toward the end of the ceremony, a cemetery worker began to place the bag into the ground before Jack stopped him. “Can Rachel and I do that?” she asked. Jack and Twitchell-Justiss each took hold of one handle of the bag and lowered Sara’s remains into the small hole. The family then gathered around as Jack’s husband said a prayer to dedicate the site.

Twitchell-Justiss said she was hopeful the return of Sara’s brain could help the Smithsonian move faster in repatriating remains for other families and communities. “I hope the museum makes great strides to fulfill their promises to do better,” she said. “If they can do that in Mary’s honor, then all the better.”

In 2022, the Smithsonian, which includes 21 museums and the National Zoo, adopted a policy that formally authorized all of its museums to return items or remains in its collections that were collected without consent.

After The Post began reporting on the brain collection, Bunch issued a public apology this April in which he announced the creation of a task force to determine the next steps for the human remains still in Smithsonian custody.

In his opinion piece, Bunch also said the institution was in talks with the government of the Philippines to determine what to do with the remains of Filipinos that had been collected by the institution.

As part of the investigation, The Post told the story of Maura, an Indigenous Filipino woman who died after she came to St. Louis to be put on display during the 1904 World’s Fair. Records suggest that her cerebellum was taken by Hrdlicka in an autopsy for his collection of human brains at the Smithsonian.

Museum officials said the cerebellum appeared to be cremated by the institution years later, and they could not confirm whether it belonged to Maura. Overall, there were at least 27 brains, including the cerebellum, taken from Filipinos.

Officials from the National Museum of the Philippines recently issued a statement in support of the repatriation of the Filipino remains. They said the museum was working with the Smithsonian to ensure the remains would be given to direct descendants or communities related to those whose organs were taken for the collection.

The museum “accepts and supports this effort of the Smithsonian [National Museum of Natural History] to do the right thing and facilitate the return of these Filipino remains home as a way of rectifying this unfortunate situation,” officials wrote.

Federal law requires the Smithsonian to notify only Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities about the remains in its possession so those communities can start the process of repatriation. An estimated 15,000 sets of remains held by the institution today are from these communities.

Sara’s brain and the 26 Filipino brains fall outside of current notification rules, which leave about another 15,000 sets of remains from more than 80 countries in limbo. Since creating a 2015 policy for the repatriation of human remains from other countries, the Natural History Museum has returned remains to New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Officials have said the museum focused primarily on returning Native American remains in accordance with federal law, but it has more recently begun to focus on remains from other communities. In a statement, Jim Wood, a spokesman for the Natural History Museum, said the institution was honored to give Sara’s brain to her family.

“Our museum community remains committed to addressing the historical legacy bestowed upon us and will continue to work with descendants and descendant communities to return or appropriately honor the individuals now under our care,” Wood wrote.

When Sara and her mother went to Seattle in 1933, journalists followed the two Sami women around, taking a picture of Sara on top of the Roosevelt Hotel. The hotel, which is now called the Hotel Theodore, provided the family with free lodging for the burial, and Twitchell-Justiss visited the roof where Sara once stood.

Family members had asked the Natural History Museum to provide money for a burial and a headstone, but officials rejected the request, saying that prior repatriations had not covered such costs. The family started a GoFundMe to help raise money for a headstone for Sara and raised about a third of the overall cost.

The community stepped in: In Alaska, members of the Knik Tribal Council contacted the Jacks and said they would cover the funeral costs. After the service, an official with the cemetery approached Jack to tell her it would contribute a headstone to the family at no cost.

Jack’s mouth dropped open in surprise, and she called over Twitchell-Justiss to share the news. As the family began to leave the gravesite, a cemetery worker waited nearby to fill the hole and cover it with a patch of grass. After the family exchanged hugs, a soft rain began to fall.

“It’s a great burden lifted off,” Jack said. “There’s no loose end on this part now.”

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, JAN. 17, 1933

Sara stands on the roof of what was then the Roosevelt Hotel in Seattle in 1933.

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Twitchell-Justiss on the same roof Aug. 29, the day Sara’s brain was buried. What is now the Hotel Theodore provided free lodging for family visiting for the burial.

White House, FBI, CDC probably violated First Amendment, 5th Circuit finds

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media companies to remove, delete, suppress, or reduce, including through altering their algorithms, posted social-media content containing protected free speech.”

The 5th Circuit panel also limited the government institutions affected by its ruling to the White House, the surgeon general’s office, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FBI. It removed restrictions Doughty had imposed on the departments of State, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services and on agencies including the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The 5th Circuit found that those agencies had not coerced the social media companies to moderate their sites.

The judges wrote that the White House probably “coerced the platforms to make their moderation decisions by way of intimidating messages and threats of adverse consequences.” They also found the White House “significantly encouraged the platforms’ decisions by commandeering their decision-making processes, both in violation of the First Amendment.”

A White House spokesperson said in a statement that the Justice Department was “reviewing” the decision and evaluating its options.

“This Administration has promoted responsible actions to protect public health, safety, and security when confronted by challenges like a deadly pandemic and foreign attacks on our elections,” the White House official said. “Our consistent view remains that social media platforms have a critical responsibility to take account of the effects their platforms are having on the American people, but make independent choices about the information they present.”

The decision is likely to have a wide-ranging impact on how the federal government communicates with the public and the social media companies about key public health issues and the 2024 elections.

The case is the most successful salvo to date in a growing conservative legal and political effort to limit coordination between the federal government and tech platforms. This case and recent probes in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives have accused government officials of actively colluding with platforms to influence public discourse, in an evolution of long-running allegations that liberal employees inside tech companies favor Democrats when making decisions about what posts are removed or limited online.

The appeals court judges found that pressure from the White House and the CDC affected how social media platforms handled posts about covid-19 in 2021, as the Biden administration sought to encourage the public to obtain vaccinations.

The judges detail multiple emails and statements from White House officials that they say show escalating threats and pressure on the social media companies to address covid misinformation. The judges say that the officials “were not shy in their requests,” calling for posts to be removed “ASAP” and appearing “persistent and angry.” The judges detailed a particularly contentious period in July of 2021, which reached a boiling point when President Biden accused Facebook of “killing people.”

“We find, like the district court, that the officials’ communications — reading them in ‘context, not in isolation’ — were on-the-whole intimidating,” the judges wrote.

The judges also zeroed in on the FBI’s communications with tech platforms in the run-up to the 2020 elections, which included regular meetings with the tech companies. The judges wrote that the FBI’s activities were “not limited to purely foreign threats,” citing instances where the law enforcement agency “targeted” posts that originated inside the United States, including some that stated incorrect poll hours or mail-in voting procedures.

The judges said in their rulings that the platforms changed their policies based on the FBI briefings, citing updates to their terms of service about handling of hacked materials, following warnings of state-sponsored “hack and dump” operations.

The judges, however, found some of the government communications enjoined by the district court to be permissible, including those of former chief medical adviser to the president, Anthony S. Fauci.

They also found that the lower court erred in barring CISA’s interactions with the companies, finding that its efforts to flag content to the platforms did not amount to “attempts to coerce” the companies’ moderation decisions.

Chris Krebs, the CISA chief fired by Trump over his endorsement of the 2020 election result, said he found the ruling “reassuring.”

“This ruling eviscerated the district court decision,” Krebs said.

The judges also said there was no evidence that the State Department’s communications with the platforms “went beyond educating the platforms on ‘tools and techniques’ used by foreign actors.”

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to requests for comment, and it was not immediately clear if it would appeal the ruling. The order will take effect in 10 days, unless the government seeks intervention from the Supreme Court.

The Justice Department had argued that Doughty’s ruling was overly broad and could “chill” a wide range of lawful communications between the government and social media companies, especially in the face of public emergencies.

The FBI, Google and Meta declined to comment. X and the surgeon general’s office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Any appeal of the order would bring the debate over online speech before the Supreme Court, which is already expected to take up conflicting appeals court rulings over state social media laws this year.

Evelyn Douek, assistant professor at Stanford Law, said the case was a “strong candidate for the Supreme Court to weigh in, given the law isn’t clear, the issues are so important, and courts have come to different conclusions.”

The 5th Circuit ruling reversed Doughty’s order specifically enjoining the actions of leaders at DHS, HHS and other agencies, saying many of those individuals “were permissibly exercising government speech.”

Yet Friday’s order still applies to a wide range of individuals working across the government, specifically naming 14 White House officials, including five who are no longer in office.

Stanford Law School professor Daphne Keller said the 5th Circuit’s ruling appeared to allow “a lot of normal communications as long as they are not threatening or taking over control of platforms’ content decisions.”

“But it also says they can’t 'significantly encourage' platforms to remove lawful content, so the real question is what that means,” she said.

Friday’s decision came in response to a lawsuit brought by Republican attorneys general in Louisiana and Missouri who allege that government officials violated the First Amendment in their efforts to encourage social media companies to address posts that they worried could contribute to vaccine hesitancy during the pandemic or upend elections.

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey celebrated the decision as a victory in a statement.

“The first brick was laid in the wall of separation between tech and state on July 4,” he said. “Today’s ruling is yet another brick.”

Menn reported from San Francisco.

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THE WORLD

Extreme rain in Hong Kong turns city streets into raging rivers

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BY MEAGHAN TOBIN

Torrential rain continued to pound Hong Kong on Friday — causing schools, offices and even the stock exchange — to close after a night of flash flooding that turned streets into raging rivers that looked better suited to white-water rafting than city living.

Parts of southern China also experienced drenching rains, including the tech metropolis of Shenzhen, where schools and businesses were also closed Friday. More than 3,000 people had been evacuated across Guangdong province by Friday.

In 24 hours, roughly a quarter of all the rainfall expected for a year had fallen on Hong Kong, acting director of the Hong Kong Observatory Lee Lap-shun said at a news conference Friday.

As the rains continued to fall, the Hong Kong city government announced Friday afternoon that the extreme weather warning would remain in effect until at least midnight.

Earlier, it said schools would be closed all day, and only essential employees should report to work. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange canceled trading, including the after-hours session, for the entire day.

A total of 117 people had been hospitalized, four in critical condition, as of Friday evening, according to the Hong Kong Hospital Authority. Two people had died after being pulled from the sea around Hong Kong Island, and one person was missing.

Officials warned people against going outside. Public safety was the government's foremost concern, said Chan Kwok-ki, Hong Kong's chief secretary for administration.

The city on Thursday night experienced its most intense hour rainfall since records began 140 years ago. Hong Kong weather authorities issued a black warning, an alert that more than 70 millimeters (2.75 inches) of rain was expected to fall in an hour, at 11:05 p.m. Thursday.

More than double that amount came down — the Hong Kong Observatory said that 158.1 mm (6.22 inches) of rain fell at its headquarters between 11 p.m. and midnight, according to the South China Morning Post.

In other parts of Hong Kong — Kowloon, the northeastern New Territories and Hong Kong Island — more than 200 mm (7.87 inches) of rainfall was recorded between 6 p.m. and midnight, the paper reported.

Photos and video shared on social media showed flooded streets, inundated subway stations and swamped city buses.

Water poured into the Cross-Harbor Tunnel, which connects Hong Kong Island with Kowloon, clogging up one of the city's essential arteries.

Rubble and water rushed down the side of Mount Parker near Chai Wan, where roads and parking garages sat under standing water. Huge rocks blocked roads in Shau Kei Wan.

More than 20 buses remained stranded across the city on Friday morning, according to the South China Morning Post, and the city's three main bus carriers suspended service until further notice. The metro was largely operational.

In southern China, schools were closed Friday in Shenzhen, Zhuhai and parts of Guangzhou and Foshan.

Authorities in Shenzhen warned people Friday morning not to enter the central Longgang district, according to local media. People and businesses on ground floors of buildings in the district were urged to evacuate.

Shenzhen city life persisted through the deluge. Video on Chinese social media showed one roadside food vendor continuing to fry rice while standing up to his knees in water. A delivery driver wandered in waist deep water in search of the person who had ordered food.

Social media posts showed that flooding overnight in Longgang had left dozens of vehicles swamped at major intersections.

The region has been battered by two typhoons in two weeks, with Saola and Haikui wreaking havoc across Taiwan and southern China, although Hong Kong was not the direct path of either.

Vic Chiang and Theodora Yu contributed to this report.

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TOP: Debris from a landslide in Hong Kong caused by torrential rains. The city on Thursday night experienced its most intense hour of rainfall since records began 140 years ago. In a 24-hour span, roughly a quarter of all the rainfall expected for a year had fallen. ABOVE: Drainage workers assist a stranded driver Friday.

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LEFT: Vehicles submerged in floodwater Friday during heavy rain in Hong Kong. Schools were closed all day, and only essential employees were instructed to report to work. The Hong Kong Stock Exchange canceled trading, including the after-hours session, for the entire day. RIGHT: A bus drives through a flooded area Friday. A total of 117 people had been hospitalized, four in critical condition, as of Friday evening, according to the Hong Kong Hospital Authority. Two people had died after being pulled from the sea around Hong Kong Island, and one person was missing.

DIGEST

MALI

Al-Qaeda branch claims attack on base

An al-Qaeda-linked group claimed responsibility Friday for a suicide attack on a military base in northeastern Mali, a day after authorities blamed the group for carrying out a dual assault on another military camp and a boat that killed more than 60 people.

At least 49 civilians and 15 soldiers were killed when assailants opened fire on a boat on a waterway that connects the northern regions of Gao and Mopti and raided a camp in the Bourem Circle, in the Gao region, a hotbed of radical Islamist activity over the past decade.

Mali's interim government said insurgents from a West African branch of al-Qaeda, called Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen (JNIM), were responsible for Thursday's attacks, which Reuters could not immediately confirm.

JNIM separately said Friday that it was behind a suicide bombing on a military base next to Gao International Airport, the Site Intelligence Group said.

— Reuters

GREECE

Hundreds rescued after devastating rains

Helicopters winched people from rooftops and military personnel used rubber boats to rescue families from floodwaters up to 9 feet deep in central Greece on Friday after a devastating rainstorm killed at least 10 people.

Storm Daniel, which meteorologists said was the worst to hit the country since records began in 1930, pummeled Greece for three days, leaving a trail of ruin after a record summer heat wave that had touched off huge wildfires.

Civil protection authorities confirmed a death toll of 10, with four people missing. Authorities said 1,700 people had been rescued in total, with 296 airlifted away from their homes.

— Reuters

Kurdish fighters capture senior Islamic State financier: U.S.-backed Syrian fighters detained a senior official with the Islamic State who was in charge of financing and arming sleeper cells, the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said Friday. The SDF said militia members apprehended Abdul-Ghafour Taber al-Diab in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, once seen as the capital of the extremists, according to the SDF. Despite the group's defeat in Syria in March 2019, Islamic State sleeper cells still carry out deadly attacks in Syria and in neighboring Iraq.

Suspected drone strike kills five in Somalia: A suspected drone strike in central Somalia killed five civilians and three al-Shabab militants, two local leaders said Friday, after the fighters sought refuge in a house compound containing a family. Somalia's state broadcaster reported that a woman and two children were killed by a land mine the militants had hidden in a house in the village of El-Lahelay in Galgadud state. The state news agency SONNA reported that the three slain militants were killed in a "special operation" Wednesday night, without mentioning the use of a drone or the killing of the family. The U.S. military's Africa Command (Africom) confirmed that three militants were killed and that Africom had evacuated injured civilians.

Panama will increase deportations: Panama will increase deportations and increase infrastructure in the jungle area along its border with Colombia, known as the Darién Gap, to contain a record-breaking flow of migrants passing through this year, Panama's immigration chief said Friday. Immigration director Samira Gozaine said President Laurentino Cortizo had authorized charter flights to increase deportations. Security Minister Juan Pino said authorities also planned to increase aerial patrols over the remote area as part of their efforts to catch smugglers of migrants, drugs and weapons.

— From news services

Window for nations to cut emissions is closing, U.N. says

BY BRADY DENNIS

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Firefighters assist a man who collapsed during a heat wave near downtown Phoenix on July 26. A U.N. report found countries needed to rapidly cut emissions to avoid more extreme climate disasters.

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A person wears a face mask as smoke from wildfires in Canada causes hazy conditions in New York City on June 7.

The landmark 2015 Paris agreement, embraced by nearly every nation on Earth, "has driven near-universal climate action," according to a detailed United Nations assessment released Friday, and yet the world remains woefully off track in its efforts to halt the warming of the planet.

The findings published by the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change note that "there is a rapidly narrowing window" for the world to more quickly cut emissions caused by the burning of fossil fuels and avoid an ever worsening set of disasters that are likely as the atmosphere grows hotter.

Friday's report comes ahead of this year's global climate summit, known as COP28, scheduled to kick off in late November in the United Arab Emirates. While the two-week gathering has a lengthy agenda, a central focus will be completing a formal, comprehensive assessment of how far the world has come toward meeting the goals of the 2015 Paris agreement — and how much work remains.

That global "stocktake," to determine whether the world is actually on pace to cut its emissions enough to meet the most ambitious aims of the Paris accord, will document some bright spots — for instance, that emissions have peaked in developed and some developing countries.

But it paints a sobering picture about the speed of change scientists say is needed.

"On the whole, we're not doing well," David Waskow, director of the World Resources Institute's International Climate Initiative, said in an interview. That much, Friday's report again makes clear.

But Waskow also said its 17 distinct findings, across topics such as adapting to climate change, boosting funding to help poor nations bypass fossil fuels as they develop and moving more urgently to cut emissions, offer a detailed road map for the type of transformations that must happen in the years ahead.

"It's a call to action in many ways," he said. "Now it's in the governments' hands to make good on it … We know much of what can and needs to be done. We're not shooting in the dark."

Year after year, scientists and researchers, environmental advocates and governments, diplomats and policymakers have detailed the many ways in which — despite signs of progress — the world's largest emitters have fallen short of their promises to cut carbon pollution and help smaller and more vulnerable nations contend with the deepening disasters fueled by a warming planet.

But even the high-profile promises to boost ambitions at a global climate summit in Scotland in 2021, a U.N. report late last year found, have shown few signs of becoming reality. The report noted that nations had shaved just 1 percent off their projected greenhouse gas emissions for 2030 — leaving Earth on track to steamroll past key temperature thresholds that scientists say will result in deepening catastrophes.

That same analysis found that even if countries fulfilled existing pledges, it would still put the Earth on a path to warm by a dangerous 2.4 degrees Celsius (4.3 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century, compared to preindustrial levels. That is far beyond the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit written into the Paris agreement.

Even so, few nations have yet embraced the policies needed to meet even the lackluster pledge that exist, a reality that led U.N. Secretary General António Guterres to chide world leaders for "falling pitifully short."

Likewise, last year's global talks in Egypt ended with little progress to propel the world toward faster and more dramatic cuts in carbon emissions, in an effort to avert more climate-fueled suffering to come.

Even as diplomats and activists at COP27 applauded the creation of a fund to support vulnerable countries in the wake of disasters, many worried that nations' reluctance to adopt more ambitious climate plans left the planet on a path toward dangerous warming.

In some ways, Friday's U.N. assessment marks merely the latest chapter in a massive compendium of research and reports that outline the many ways in which the world has failed to adequately confront the perils of climate change.

But beyond merely documenting failures, the assessment also focuses on the transformative and wide-ranging actions that can help to avoid the worst consequences of global warming. Among them: aggressively scaling up renewable energy, phasing out fossil fuels, ending deforestation, providing significant climate finance to developing nations and designing changes in ways that alleviate poverty and minimize environmental injustice.

Marcene Mitchell, senior vice president of climate change for the World Wildlife Fund, called Friday's report another stark reminder that leaders must find ways to move faster.

"Hope is not lost. We have seen critical actions taken that are making a difference," she said in a statement about the findings. At the same time, she said, "It is clear that we cannot continue business as usual … We must face the reality that it is going to take a lot of challenging work — continued advancements in science and technology, strong political will and actions from individuals, communities, businesses and governments if we expect to address the greatest global crisis of our time."

For decades now, scientists have meticulously documented how humans are supercharging the warming of the planet through the burning of fossil fuels, and how that unceasing trend has led to a growing set of disasters in every corner of the globe — often, with some of the poorest populations who did little to cause the problem bearing the worst of the impacts.

But it doesn't take sprawling reports and outspoken scientists to see the consequences of a hotter planet are growing.

This past summer has been the hottest ever recorded in human history, and its legacy is one of death and destruction and misery — from crippling and historic heat waves across many parts of the globe, to record wildfires in Canada and Europe, to biblical flooding caused by record rains in places as far flung as Greece, China and Florida.

Global emissions once again hit a record high in 2022, and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen to levels not seen in millions of years. The atmosphere already has warmed roughly 1.2 degrees Celsius (2.16 Fahrenheit), and humans are pumping carbon pollution into the atmosphere so rapidly that the world could exhaust its remaining "carbon budget" in only a handful of years.

There are, of course, glimmers of progress.

The United States last year passed its first major climate legislation in history, the Inflation Reduction Act. Renewable energy installations continue to grow rapidly, and sales of electric vehicles have surged. The climate pledges made by nations in recent years, should they become reality, have turned the world's trajectory away from some of the worst-case scenarios that seemed possible only a few years ago.

Friday's U.N. assessment underscores that it is that sort of action that must happen in more ways, with more urgency, across more nations, if the world intends to shape the better future it promised years ago in Paris.

"It serves up a bold to-do list for governments to limit warming to 1.5 (degrees) Celsius and protect people everywhere from climate devastation," Tom Evans, a policy adviser at the climate think tank E3G, said in a statement. "With this report in hand, governments going to COP28 have their homework set."

TURKISH GOVERNMENT DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNICATIONS/AP

Mark Dickey, 40, the American stuck inside the Morca cave in southern Turkey on Thursday. Dickey, an experienced caver, is being rescued from an underground cave in a rare and complex mission.

Complex rescue takes shape for sick American stranded in Turkish cave

BY ANDREW JEONG

Mark Dickey, the 40-year-old American spelunker who fell ill while exploring a cave in Turkey last week, was set to start a slow ascent Friday, with the help of an international team of more than 200 rescuers.

Dickey suffered from gastrointestinal bleeding last week while exploring the Morca cave with other cavers, rendering him unable to climb out on his own, according to the Hungarian Cave Rescue Service. Although Dickey's health is improving, he still faces a challenging exit that will require him to be brought out from more than 3,400 feet underground.

The Morca cave is the third deepest in Turkey, with a depth of almost 4,200 feet.

"This will not be a quick rescue due to where he is in the cave and the challenging terrain ahead," Gretchen Baker, a representative of the National Cave Rescue Commission in Huntsville, Ala., said in an emailed statement. But "the cave rescuers on scene are extremely talented, and many have worked in deep caves. Mark has caved in several European countries and knows some of these rescuers from other expeditions."

After falling ill at a depth of about 3,674 feet, Dickey was placed at a camp 3,412 feet underground, according to the Turkish Caving Federation. A day after Turkish cavers alerted the European Cave Rescue Association last Saturday, a Hungarian rescue team with a doctor reached Dickey. Medical professionals will have to give the greenlight for his rescue to begin, the European group said.

"Rescue missions from such deepness are very rare, extremely difficult and need many very experienced cave rescuers," the European Cave Rescue Association said in a news release this week.

Video footage shared by the Turkish government Thursday showed Dickey alert and walking, though he acknowledged that he was "not healed on the inside yet."

Rescue teams from Turkey, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy and Poland will form a task force led by the Italian contingent, according to the Hungarian Cave Rescue Service.

"The cave has been divided into seven sections, with different cave rescue teams working to prepare each section for Mark's passage," Baker said. "This includes adapting the current rigging to rescue rigging, which can hold more weight and is in good places to put in haul systems. It also means enlarging the passages so that a litter can fit through."

Dickey will assist in his rescue but, to keep his condition stable, he will be put on a litter, a type of stretcher, "for at least part of the time," Baker said. "Using the litter protects him, but also means that it will take longer to get out of the cave, as there are many narrow, tight sections on the route out, and the litter is harder to fit through than a human body," she added.

Dickey himself is an experienced caver who has rescued people and taught rescue classes for the U.S. National Cave Rescue Commission, Baker said. "These experiences mean that he knows what is in store for him now that he is the person who needs to be rescued."

Egypt intensifies crackdown ahead of U.S. aid decision

BY CLAIRE PARKER AND MISSY RYAN

ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Biden and Egyptian President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi depart the COP27 U.N. Climate Summit on Nov. 11, 2022, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The looming funding deadline has divided U.S. lawmakers.

CAIRO — Egyptian authorities have carried out a wave of arrests targeting critics ahead of a pivotal American decision on military aid — seen as a key indicator of how the Biden administration will balance security and political interests with human rights concerns in its foreign policy.

The crackdown, which rights groups say is emblematic of worsening repression under Egyptian President Abdel Fatah El-Sisi, has raised the stakes surrounding ongoing deliberations by the U.S. State Department, which must decide by Sept. 14 whether to withhold a portion of the roughly $1.3 billion in annual military aid to Egypt.

The looming deadline has divided U.S. lawmakers. Some are pushing the administration to deny Cairo the full $320 million share of yearly aid that is subject to rights requirements. Others oppose human rights conditions for Egypt, given its regional clout and strategic position bridging Africa and the Middle East.

A State Department spokesperson, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the department, said officials were encouraging Egypt to empower civil society, protect human rights and freedoms and release political prisoners. "Progress on human rights will enable the strongest possible U.S.-Egypt relationship," he said.

Sisi, a former general contending with a spiraling economy and growing discontent as he prepares to run for reelection, has pardoned a number of prominent political prisoners this summer, including human rights researcher Patrick George Zaki and lawyer Mohamed El-Baqer. Secretary of State Antony Blinken praised the release of Arab Spring activist Ahmed Douma last month after nearly a decade behind bars.

But rights groups say that the freeing of some high-profile political prisoners has distracted from a broader clampdown on speech and political activity, already heavily restricted in Egypt.

In recent weeks, authorities have detained a leading opposition figure, arrested the father of an exiled journalist, and rearrested Mahmoud Hussein, who became known as the "T-shirt detainee" after his arrest in 2014 for wearing a shirt that read "A nation without torture."

"I don't see any evidence or indication of progress on human rights in Egypt — not this year, not last year," said Amr Magdi, senior researcher at the New York-based nonprofit Human Rights Watch.

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Egyptian protesters use flare lights at Talaat Harb Square in downtown Cairo in 2013 during a clash with police.

Egypt, for decades one of the largest recipients of U.S. military aid, has long been viewed as a strategic ally in a tumultuous region. Cairo plays a key role in mediating between Palestinians and Israel, and U.S. officials hope it will lead a regional shift in supporting Ukraine in its war against Russia.

At a military base in northern Egypt this month, U.S. and Egyptian forces are jointly leading a massive exercise involving troops from more than 30 countries.

But under Sisi, who took power after a military coup overthrew democratically elected president Mohamed Morsi in 2013, Egypt has become one of the least free countries in the world, according to Freedom House.

"The human rights crisis in Egypt is a leading driver of the country's instability and should therefore be a U.S. national security priority," said Seth Binder from the Project on Middle East Democracy.

A year ago, U.S. officials withheld $130 million from the more than $1 billion in annual aid, but decided that Egypt had met conditions for a separate tranche of $75 million. A Democratic senator later blocked the smaller sum, and growing congressional scrutiny means that a larger share of the aid package now has conditions attached.

Since President Biden took office, Sisi has taken widely publicized steps to improve Egypt's image, beginning with the unveiling of a national human rights strategy in 2021. Last year, he called for a national dialogue, allowing opposition and civil society figures to discuss challenges facing the country and propose reforms.

The dialogue has created rare space for critical speech. But certain subjects — including anything broadly defined as a "national security" matter — are explicitly off-limits. Islamists are barred from participating.

A newly formed presidential pardons committee has granted amnesty to some political prisoners. And earlier this week, the government's official rights body released a report, based on three years of work, which recommended limits to pretrial detention and a strengthening of due process.

The council is "strongly pressuring" officials to end speech-related detentions, Moushira Khattab, the council's president, said at a news conference Sunday. The body was taking seriously all of the nearly 10,000 complaints of human rights violations it received, she said.

"There are crucial steps that were taken by the state. However, the culture of human rights remains weak," she said. "We need to do more."

Even as Sisi has sought to soften his image, criminal prosecutions of his critics and new restrictions on NGOs have hollowed out civil society.

Tens of thousands of "unjustly detained" prisoners remain behind bars, according to Magdi, where reports of torture are widespread. When detainees emerge, many struggle to hold down jobs or reintegrate into society, she said.

Of the $320 million linked to progress on rights, $85 million is contingent on Egypt making "clear and consistent progress in releasing political prisoners, providing detainees with due process of law, and preventing the intimidation and harassment of American citizens."

Egypt does not release statistics on its prison population, and the justice and interior ministries did not respond to requests for comment.

The Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF), a Cairo-based human rights group, estimates that some 1,800 political prisoners have been released since January 2022, while more than 4,000 have been arrested since April of last year.

"In the past year and a half, for every one release, three new ones were arrested," said Mohamed Lotfy, executive director of ECRF. "We are going backwards."

His organization also documented 821 cases within the past year of enforced disappearance, when people simply vanish for months or years at a time.

Some of Egypt's most famous political prisoners remain in jail, including British Egyptian computer programmer and activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, whose case became a flash point during last year's COP27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh.

Last week, Mohamed Adel, the former spokesperson of a pro-democracy youth movement active in Egypt's 2011 revolution, was sentenced to four years in prison on speech-related charges. He had already spent five years in pretrial detention.

In August, Hisham Kassem, a leader of a newly formed opposition coalition and former publisher of a leading Egyptian newspaper, was detained on charges of defaming a former minister and verbally assaulting security officers. Rights groups describe the allegations as ludicrous.

Meanwhile, Mohamed Soltan, a human rights advocate, has said he fears for the life of his father, Salah Soltan, a former U.S.-based academic who has been jailed in Egypt since 2013.

"We fear he won't make it to next year," Soltan said, alleging that his father's health problems have been neglected by authorities. He blamed the Biden administration for raising the profile of his father's case and then failing to push hard enough for his release. "Now, it'll take tremendous leadership and courage from others to save my dad's life," he said.

This summer, a group of 11 Democratic senators led by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) appealed to Blinken to withhold the full $320 million.

"If the administration cares about protecting human rights and advancing long-term U.S. interests in Egypt, they must withhold the full amount of military aid," Murphy told The Washington Post.

The decision over U.S. assistance comes at a critical juncture for Sisi, who is expected to run for reelection early next year. Egyptians are grappling with record inflation, rising poverty and a hard currency shortage.

Hanging over the aid decision are broader U.S. priorities in the Middle East, including advancing normalization between Arab states and Israel and countering regional advances by Beijing and Moscow.

Steven Cook, a scholar on the Middle East at the Council on Foreign Relations, said the United States continues to provide the annual aid, established after Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel, out of "both habit and a measure of fear."

"The U.S. remains committed because there are no alternatives; it isn't that much money; and Washington doesn't want Egypt to collapse," Cook said.

"I suspect the Biden team sees the aid as a way to keep the Egyptians away from China and Russia. It won't work. The Egyptians want ties with all three."

Ryan reported from Washington.

As G-20 summit kicks off in India, Modi pushes extensive rebrand of nation

BY KARISHMA MEHROTRA

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A billboard featuring Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The country has been sprucing up and illuminating monuments and city infrastructure ahead of the summit's start Saturday.

NEW DELHI — The billboards multiplying across this capital city rosily portray the world as an inclusive family of nations. But they consistently show the face of only one world leader: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Faced with a world polarized into increasingly adversarial blocs, Indian officials hope to rise above the divisions as their country hosts the summit for the leaders of the Group of 20 largest economies, including President Biden, this weekend. Modi's India aims to draw attention to its remarkable growth and role as a "Vishwa Guru," or "Global Leader."

"India has been showcasing India — a new India, an India on the rise, a brand India," said Sujan Chinoy, a former Indian ambassador who now runs India's main defense think tank and the largest G-20 working group.

Even as global tensions, especially over Ukraine, threaten a final summit communiqué, the "branding" of India has become a central focus for the host country.

"If you're saying that we're overdoing it because we're [hosting the G-20] professionally, you're sadly mistaken. We haven't done advertising. We're doing branding," said Amitabh Kant, India's G-20 coordinator, to a room of journalists in March.

Over the past year, India has hosted more than 200 G-20 events focused on thematic areas, including climate and education, in over 60 cities, touching all corners of the country. Meanwhile, it has been sprucing up and illuminating monuments and city infrastructure with signage reminding Indians that something big has come to town.

Even 10th-grade standardized tests were adorned with this year's G-20 logo, a lotus — the country's national flower and the symbol of Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Across Delhi, officials have had slums dismantled, including some adjacent to the convention center where this weekend's main summit will take place, or covered up, often with barriers bearing Modi's face.

Life-size cutouts of langur monkeys have been scattered among the half a million decorative plants placed across the city with the aim of scaring away their archenemy, rhesus monkeys that plague parts of the city. Fumigating drones and mosquito-eating fish have been deployed to combat dengue.

The facelift for the most significant international gathering India has seen in decades comes ahead of an election year, and Modi has been burnishing his image as a statesman in recent months.

Earlier this year, he made a state visit to Washington, where Biden and Congress gave him a warm welcome. In July, India virtually hosted the Shanghai Cooperation Organization — a defense and security partnership established by China and Russia. Now, local news reports are buzzing about a potential visit by Biden to India again in January for the country's Republic Day.

Part of the international brand-making has been India's efforts to have other countries adopt its digital infrastructures — which several countries have done. At the G-20 summit, a "Digital India experience zone" will showcase India's online payment gateways and digital identification systems, and delegates will receive roughly $12 in a payment wallet to try out the applications, according to local reports.

It's a "*brand* new nation," according to historian Ravinder Kaur, who coined the phrase to explain the repackaging and commercialization of the country's identity into a brand identity. "These foreign leaders or investors coming in — these are forms of endorsements."

Amid the talk of India's branding, however, have come indications that some members of Modi's party are interested in swapping the commonly used name of the country internationally for its Hindi name, Bharat, which could complicate the repackaging effort.

A coordinator of a G-20 working group, however, cautioned about international impressions of India's "excessive hogging of the limelight" as "a little excessive," hearing from some delegates that India's projection as the ultimate teacher fails to recognize other countries' "spiritual" or "civilizational contributions."

"If we talk about inclusiveness, we have to have our own appreciation of the wealth of contributions from around the world," said the coordinator, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly about the impressions of some delegates. "I feel a bit of nostalgia for our gentleness of the earlier years, which had a little bit of modesty."

A senior member of a wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, or RSS — a Hindu nationalist organization linked to the ruling party — working closely with the G-20 meetings said a true global power wouldn't need the spectacle. "We are right at the top already. We don't need all this," said the member, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak freely about the event. "But the top man is very enthusiastic, and nobody wants to say anything."

Other analysts maintain that India is not only promoting its brand but also its priorities for the world. Positioning itself as a voice of the Global South, India has been at the forefront of efforts to bring the African Union into the G-20 fold. India has also attempted to convince the Group of Seven bloc, which includes the world's richest countries, that poorer countries have priorities beyond the Ukraine war, such as debt relief, food and fuel supplies, and climate.

"This is India's year. This is the time to showcase India. So India put its priorities on the table — digital public infrastructure, sustainable development goals and how to achieve them, climate and just energy transition, global debt — development imperatives for India and much of the Global South," said Indrani Bagchi, a foreign policy commentator and head of think tank Ananta Centre.

In response to the extensive publicity for the event at home, she said, "tell me of any democratically elected government that would not use an international event for political gain. It's a no-brainer."

Modi's predecessor, Manmohan Singh from the now opposition Congress Party, however, warned in an interview Friday that while India's foreign policy is relevant to its domestic politics, it shouldn't be an overt part of it.

"While India's standing in the world should rightfully be an issue in domestic politics, it is equally important to exercise restraint in using diplomacy and foreign policy for party or personal politics," he said in an interview with the Indian Express.

India's stature on the world stage may be threatened by India's "contradictions," said Manjari Mahajan, co-director of the New School's India-China Institute. India's global agenda of inclusivity and pluralism seems at odds with its domestic repression of critical voices among academics, think tank analysts, opposition politicians and journalists, she said.

"The Indian government wants complete control of the narrative about India and is intolerant of any entity that offers or can offer alternative perspectives to that," Mahajan said. "At some point, these contradictions — between how you project yourself internationally as opposed to what's happening domestically — catch up with you. Your credibility becomes compromised."

China seeks to exploit U.S. service members, memo says

BY DAN LAMOTHE

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Chinese sailors during a naval parade near Qingdao in 2019. U.S. officials say they have seen a worrisome increase in American troops and veterans being surreptitiously recruited by China.

China's military is conducting a sophisticated exploitation campaign designed to "fill gaps" in its capabilities by targeting current and former U.S. service members and harvesting specialized knowledge they've gained, a top general warned in a message obtained by The Washington Post.

The document was distributed to Air Force personnel on Friday. It marks the Pentagon's most direct attempt yet to call out and counter what U.S. officials characterized as an aggressive ploy by Beijing to leverage international firms that hire Americans to teach advanced military skills and tactics.

Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., who heads the Air Force and is President Biden's nominee to lead the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in the message that foreign companies doing business with the Chinese government are "targeting and recruiting U.S. and NATO-trained military talent across specialties and career fields."

"By essentially training the trainer, many of those who accept contracts with these foreign companies are eroding our national security, putting the very safety of their fellow service-members and the country at risk," Brown wrote, appealing to the recipients' sense of responsibility, even after leaving the armed forces, to protect "our national defense information."

Officials declined to identify how many U.S. troops and veterans are thought to have been surreptitiously recruited by the Chinese, saying only that they have seen a worrisome rise in such activity.

A spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, Liu Pengyu, did not deny Brown's assertions, saying in a statement that the Chinese government urges the United States "to respect the normal business activities carried out by relevant companies, and not to generalize and abuse the concept of national security and smear relevant companies."

U.S. officials in recent years have been "quick to accuse China," he added, affecting "normal exchanges and cooperation" between the two countries in a way that is "not conducive to the healthy development" of bilateral relations.

A special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations — who, like some others interviewed for this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive national security matter — said attempts by China's military to exploit Americans have included marketing job openings to them that initially appear innocuous and approaching them directly at defense industry events.

While China routinely targets American pilots, the special agent said, veterans who've held a variety of other roles also are in demand.

He cited former aerospace ground equipment maintainers and landing-signals officers as examples, jobs that entail handling specialized equipment and guiding pilots and their aircraft to safety.

The offers come from a mix of privately owned companies and those backed by the Chinese government, and are contracted by the Chinese government, officials said.

The solicitations often include language that sounds customary in the defense sector, with references to consulting, advising or training.

A chief concern, the special agent said, is that some will rationalize that the work is legitimate even after they discover the connection to China's military.

"We want to make sure that people understand: If it looks too good to be true, it probably is," he said, describing the effort as "insidious."

Officials are urging current and former military personnel to report if they have been recruited to train foreign militaries.

Relations between Washington and Beijing have been strained for years, with the two powers divided on matters such as economic competition, climate change and, more recently, the war in Ukraine.

U.S. security support for Taiwan, a self-governing democracy that China considers a breakaway province, and other recent steps by the Biden administration to expand military ties in the Pacific have deepened the tension.

The concerns also have prompted the creation of a House select committee on China. Its chairman, Rep. Michael Gallagher (R-Wis.), said in a statement Friday that U.S. personnel must understand they are targets for espionage and exploitation.

Information that Chinese military officials may gain, Gallagher said, could someday be used against them.

"Congress needs to work with the Department of Defense to educate our service members and ensure they do not help facilitate their own destruction," said Gallagher, a Marine Corps veteran.

The Pentagon's warning to U.S. personnel and veterans comes as senior leaders there have identified China as the United States' "pacing threat," expressing alarm over Beijing's military advancements and efforts to expand its global footprint and influence.

It follows, too, a move by the U.S. government in June to blacklist dozens of companies across the world for alleged ties to the Chinese government, including several aviation training firms.

Among them are Frontier Services Group, a Chinese state-owned company founded by Erik Prince, the former head of Blackwater Worldwide, and the Test Flying Academy of South Africa, which faced scrutiny after reports that it had hired Western military pilots to train Chinese aviators.

Frontier Services denied in June that it has used U.S. military personnel to train Chinese pilots. It did not respond to questions from The Post about whether it had hired former service members to do so.

The Test Flying Academy of South Africa said in a statement in June that it was "disappointed" in the decision by the U.S. Commerce Department and alleged that larger American companies also train Chinese pilots. It did not respond to requests for comment.

An Air Force colonel with experience flying F-16 fighter jets said in an interview that he first received an email in 2019 seeking seasoned test pilots. His first thought, he said, was to ask his wife if she wanted to go to South Africa someday.

"It did not look particularly suspicious to me," he said.

Two years later, he recalled, the message came to mind when he was briefed by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations ahead of a professional conference and warned that such recruiting was happening.

The pilot shared with The Post a second recruitment pitch that he says he received from the South African company in 2021. It sought helicopter and jet pilots for work in "Far East Asia," requiring six years of experience as a test pilot and familiarity with teaching students whose first language is not English.

"They can appear very legitimate, to the point that I didn't catch it until I had a little bit more background knowledge," the officer said. "I would just say that I was kind of humbled that it basically escaped my detection for almost two years."

Patrick Cronin, Asia-Pacific security chair at the Hudson Institute in Washington, described such efforts as one piece of a broader initiative, directed by President Xi Jinping, to elevate China's standing in the world by "having the ability to stand down the Americans in any scenario."

There are also indications, Cronin said, that Beijing is focusing more attention and training of personnel on thwarting U.S. attempts to collect intelligence on the Chinese government.

"Recruiting and compromising and understanding how our military moves through our key people and our key technologies is vital to his strategic ends," he said.

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends the launch ceremony for a nuclear attack submarine Friday. According to state media, Kim said the sub was capable of both preemptive and retaliatory strikes.

North Korea claims it has launched 'tactical nuclear attack submarine'

BY MIN JOO KIM

SEOUL — North Korea claimed Friday to have launched a new "tactical nuclear attack submarine," in a ceremony full of pomp and self-congratulation at the Sinpho shipyard on the North's east coast.

Leader Kim Jong Un, in a beige suit and a borrowed naval cap, said that the new submarine was capable of both preemptive and retaliatory strikes, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported Friday morning.

North Korea had a "plan to remodel existing medium-sized submarines into offensive ones loaded with tactical nuclear weapons to play an important role in the modern warfare," state media quoted Kim as saying. He described the approach as a "low-cost ultra-modernization strategy."

The claim was impossible to immediately verify, and North Korea has a track record of boasting about achievements it has not quite attained. But with both its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs, it has surprised analysts by overcoming technical challenges to eventually demonstrate credible and operational weapons systems.

The South Korean military said that it has been working with its U.S. counterpart to track North Korea's submarine activity and detected the launch ceremony.

The North's new submarine appears to have been upscaled to carry missiles, "but does not seem to be capable of a proper operation," the military said in a statement Friday.

NK News, a specialist website based in Seoul, said that the submarine unveiled on Friday appeared to be the one Kim publicly inspected in July 2019 while it was undergoing construction, which was a conversion from an existing Romeo-class submarine.

The new North Korean submarine "appears to have two distinct sizes of launch hatches, indicating that the submarine might be capable of launching two distinct types or sizes of SLBMs" said David Schmerler, a weapons expert at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, Calif.

"This would, if sea trials are successfully completed, be their first non-test platform ballistic missile submarine," he said, adding that an actual test from this new platform could take a while.

The submarine was named the Hero Kim Kun Ok, after a North Korean naval leader who led an operation that, according to North Korean propaganda, sank the USS Baltimore in 1950, during the Korean War. The USS Baltimore was, in fact, decommissioned in 1947.

It was launched to celebrate a day known in North Korea as the Day of the Foundation of the Republic, marked on Sept. 9.

North Korea has ramped up its weapons tests in the last year, firing powerful intercontinental ballistic missiles potentially capable of reaching U.S. mainland. The country's space agency last month again attempted to launch a spy satellite allegedly capable of conducting space-based reconnaissance, but it failed.

The United States sent the USS Kentucky to South Korea in July, marking the first deployment of a U.S. nuclear-armed submarine in the South since the 1980s. North Korea's Defense Ministry reacted angrily to the deployment, accusing Washington of stirring tensions.

North Korea has conducted test launches of ballistic and cruise missiles from submarines. Submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) could give Pyongyang's nuclear weapons a longer reach beyond the Korean Peninsula. This missile type is also harder to detect in advance, making it suitable for a surprise attack.

North Korea is estimated to have about 64 to 86 submarines, according to the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a Washington-based watchdog nonprofit. Experts believe some of the submarines are not operational because of their old age.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Elon Musk dispute reveals how essential Starlink is to Ukraine's defense

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A medic stands next to Starlink equipment, whose satellite internet service is critical to battlefield communications in Ukraine. Elon Musk's SpaceX reportedly limited Ukraine's use of it in Crimea.

DNIPRO, UKRAINE — New details about how Elon Musk limited Starlink satellite internet service to prevent Ukraine from attacking Russian ships in Crimea last year have provided a stark reminder of how vital the service is to Kyiv's forces — and how success on the battlefield depends partly on the whims of a mercurial billionaire.

Musk's company SpaceX dispatched Starlink terminals to Ukraine after Russia's invasion in February 2022, when Moscow quickly cut off all other service. Ever since, the high-speed satellite terminals have formed the backbone of the Ukrainian military's digital communications. Nestled into trenches, covered in camouflage atop armored vehicles and humming in dusty command centers, the small WiFi terminals are so essential many soldiers say not having them would put their lives at risk.

Modern war zones are awash in digital communication, requiring fast, secure internet. In Ukraine, Starlink's data stream helps pipe in drone feeds from across the battlefield, allowing commanders to view enemy forces in real time and coordinate artillery strikes much faster than relaying the same information over radios.

There are some 42,000 Starlink terminals in Ukraine, officials have said, which provide military, government and civilian communications as Russia relentlessly attacks civilian infrastructure. The terminals are also playing an increasingly important role in Ukraine's counteroffensive, giving soldiers portable communication options in rural areas along the southern front that are either too remote or where cellular towers have been damaged and destroyed.

The terminals also provide connectivity for smartphones and tablets, which do everything from helping soldiers stay updated in group chats to running apps that help compute targeting information for howitzer batteries.

Soldiers often use the same Starlink-connected devices to communicate with loved ones back home or abroad and to upload battlefield videos onto social media.

In a recent operation in the northeast Luhansk region near Russian lines, a Starlink terminal pumped WiFi data for a three-man attack drone team, allowing the pilot to monitor a group chat providing real-time updates on enemy locations and movements. Victor Stelmakh, the head of an attack drone unit in the 68th Jaeger Brigade, used that information to deploy several drones and drop grenades on enemy positions. The strikes, which were observed by Washington Post reporters, wounded several Russian soldiers.

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Victor Stelmakh, head of an attack drone unit in Ukraine's 68th Jaeger Brigade, uses a Starlink-connected phone to communicate with soldiers this month while piloting a drone in the Luhansk region. Soldiers also use Starlink to talk with their families.

The details about Musk's role in limiting Starlink service are included in a new biography of the billionaire businessman by Walter Isaacson. An excerpt of the book was published in a Washington Post opinion article. The details from the book about Musk's role in cutting off Starlink were first reported by CNN.

The revelations in Isaacson's book have reignited concerns about the influence that SpaceX and Musk, as its owner, wield over the war in Ukraine.

In October 2022, armed sea drones were poised to attack the Russian fleet, according to the biography. Instead, the drones "lost connectivity and washed ashore harmlessly" because Musk secretly ordered engineers to suspend Starlink service near occupied Crimea, the Ukrainian peninsula that Russia illegally invaded and annexed in 2014.

Ukrainian and U.S. officials scrambled to get service restored, according to the book, appealing to Musk directly. Musk eventually agreed. "There was an emergency request from government authorities to activate Starlink all the way to Sevastopol," Musk said Friday on X, the company he owns formerly known as Twitter.

He was referring to the Crimean port city that has long been the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. Russia maintained the headquarters under a lease agreement with Ukraine after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In a conversation with Isaacson, Musk expressed reluctance that his service be used for such an attack. "The obvious intent being to sink most of the Russian fleet at anchor," Musk told Isaacson. "If I had agreed to their request, then SpaceX would be explicitly complicit in a major act of war and conflict escalation."

SpaceX did not return a request for comment. Ukrainian officials note that Russia's invasion of Crimea in 2014 and of the entirety of Ukraine in 2022 were illegal acts of aggression and alleged war crimes under international law.

On Thursday, Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said Musk's decision to sever Starlink service near Crimea and other occupied territories of Ukraine had resulted in the deaths of civilians.

"As a result, civilians, children are being killed," Podolyak posted on X.

"This is the price of a cocktail of ignorance and big ego," Podolyak continued. "However, the question still remains: Why do some people so desperately want to defend war criminals and their desire to commit murder? And do they now realize that they are committing evil and encouraging evil?"

Ukraine's minister of digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, whose ministry deals directly with Starlink, did not respond to a request for comment.

Musk's ability to control Ukrainian military operations has alarmed some corners of the Pentagon, which has sent billions of dollars in weapons to help Ukraine defend against the Russian invasion.

The Defense Department has struggled to rein him in, though it has agreed to foot costly Starlink service bills following threats from Musk that he would stop providing the service free.

Ukrainian troops have integrated Starlink into every corner of the conflict, relying on the service for virtually any task that requires digital communication.

An air reconnaissance soldier with the call sign Labrador, using the gaming term "IMBA," or imbalance, said Starlink offers a significant advantage over Russian capabilities. Multiple drone feeds on a single screen provide commanders and scouts with situational awareness, Labrador said. Surveillance drones watching artillery fire can send fast and precise impact locations, he said, allowing howitzer crews to quickly adjust their aim and hit a target.

Labrador, as other soldiers, spoke on the condition that he be identified only by his call sign in keeping with Ukrainian military rules.

Losing Starlink, he said, would force Ukraine to fall back on more traditional communications such as radio or other inferior alternatives. It could be done, he said, but it would require difficult trade-offs. For instance, he said, where digital communication is used between trenches, soldiers might have to leave relative safety to pass on information orally.

"These are additional risks," he said. "It can be said that the lack of an alternative to Starlink will increase the level of mortality and injuries."

Internet access through Starlink has also helped soldiers when they need to access training manuals and get more information about the advanced weapons and equipment they have received from the West, said Rusyn, the deputy commander for the Carpathian Sich 49th infantry battalion.

"If they stopped working at some point, it wouldn't be the end of the world," Rusyn said, "but it would significantly worsen our situation at the front, our effectiveness."

Starlink provides a crucially important lifeline for civilians too.

A year ago, after a surprise Ukrainian advance liberated swaths of territory in the country's northeast, civilians emerged from a Russia-controlled information bubble. For months, with most cell and internet service cut, they had been unable to connect with loved ones elsewhere in Ukraine. And even for days after cities and towns came back under Ukrainian control, some were unable to contact their families to confirm they had survived.

In Izyum, for example, when Ukrainian soldiers set up base in town and hooked up their Starlink — slightly damaged from a previous shelling — locals gathered around to connect to the network and speak to relatives, sometimes for the first time since the early days of Russia's invasion in February 2022.

Journalists covering the war, including from The Washington Post, also routinely use Starlink as the only way to send news reports, images and video from areas that otherwise do not have functioning internet service.

The Ukrainian use of Starlink has drawn a strong response from Moscow, including experimentation with secretive electronic warfare capabilities intended to neutralize the service, according to leaked U.S. intelligence assessments obtained by The Washington Post.

The Russian military for months tested ways to disrupt communication links over Ukraine, the classified documents said, but the documents did not conclude whether the tests were successful or had their intended effect.

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Musk cut internet to Ukraine's military as it was attacking Russian fleet

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT AND JOSEPH MENN

SpaceX cut off Starlink satellite internet service to Ukrainian submarine drones last year just as they were launching an attack on the Russian Black Sea Fleet, according to a new biography of SpaceX founder Elon Musk.

The new details of the previously reported incident underscore how dependent multiple governments have become on a man who controls both a dominant means of high-speed communication and a major platform for public discourse, X.

Musk bought X, then known as Twitter, last year, after building SpaceX into a Washington powerhouse.

The armed submarine drones were poised to attack the Russian fleet, according to a CNN report that cited an excerpt of a forthcoming biography of Musk by Walter Isaacson, the former chief executive of CNN. Instead, according to the book, which goes on sale Tuesday, the drones "lost connectivity and washed ashore harmlessly."

Ukrainian and American officials scrambled to get service restored, according to the report, appealing to Musk directly. Musk eventually agreed. But the recounting of the incident is a reminder of how the SpaceX founder has amassed enormous influence by maintaining a dizzying pace of innovation that has left competitors in the dust — and left governments carefully navigating the relationship.

"One of the advantages is the huge amount of innovation coming out of the private sector, which the government wants to leverage to stay ahead of China and others," said Brian Weeden, the director of program planning at the Secure World Foundation, a think tank. "The flip side is it gives a lot more power to the private sector and particularly to billionaire individuals who control those companies and technologies."

At X, Musk's power and mercurial decisions have caused consternation for some officials and civil society experts as propaganda spreads ahead of a wave of elections across the world next year.

Cutting Ukraine's mission off in midstream "is a great example of the power of communications platforms being concentrated in the hands of a few private companies," said Bret Schafer, an analyst at the Alliance for Securing Democracy.

Musk stopped warning X users when the content they were viewing was from state-controlled media, and propagandists from Russia and elsewhere took advantage to amplify their content by buying verification check marks.

A study commissioned by the European Union found this week that Russian propaganda was reaching more people on X than before the war in Ukraine. And in the face of criticism about rising hate speech, Musk has sued one nonprofit and threatened to sue another, the Anti-Defamation League.

"It's really scary to see him using his corporate resources to try to squash critics and skeptics," said Paul Barrett, deputy director of New York University's Stern Center for Business and Human Rights.

"You would expect people with this kind of corporate power to operate from self-interest or to make mistakes. But you would not expect someone who provides an ally with crucial technology and then snatches it back when they are using it in the middle of a war. Whatever responsible corporate behavior is, that's not it."

SpaceX's Dragon capsule is the only way NASA can send its astronauts to and from the International Space Station. It launches sensitive national security satellites for the Pentagon and the National Reconnaissance Office. It launches more rockets than any other company or country — this year it has already surpassed its record last year of 61 — and operates more satellites than any other entity on Earth, with more than 4,500 in orbit.

SpaceX started providing Starlink internet service to Ukraine after Russia's invasion, creating a lifeline for the country when its communications systems had largely been knocked out. But according to Isaacson's book, Musk grew concerned about Ukraine's military using them for offensive purposes, according to the CNN report.

"How am I in this war? Musk asked," according to Isaacson. "Starlink was not meant to be involved in wars. It was so people can watch Netflix and chill and get online for school and do peaceful things, not drone strikes."

In February, Gwynne Shotwell, SpaceX's president and chief operating officer, told reporters something very similar.

"We were really pleased to be able to provide Ukraine connectivity and help them in their fight for freedom," she said. "It was never intended to be weaponized, but the Ukrainians have leveraged it in ways that were unintentional and not part of any agreement."

Since reports surfaced of SpaceX shutting off satellite communication in Ukraine last year, the Pentagon has granted SpaceX a contract. The details of the contract are unknown — on Thursday, Pentagon spokesman Jeff Jurgenson declined to say more "due to the critical nature of these systems." But Weeden said placing Starlink under contract should allow the Pentagon more control and possibly prevent the service from being suddenly shut off again.

"That is the balance that the Defense Department has to grapple with as it focuses on this commercial technology: Is it losing control in some way?" Weeden said. But the government is not helpless and has ways to rein companies in: "You can address a lot of those concerns through contracting mechanism or other legal agreements," he said.

When SpaceX first launched its Starlink constellation, Musk said the chances of success were not guaranteed. Other satellite companies had tried and failed in the past, given the enormous cost to launch and operate hundreds or thousands of satellites. But in large part because SpaceX is vertically integrated, meaning it not only builds the satellites but also launches them itself on its reusable Falcon 9 rocket, it has so far been able to be successful.

In addition to being used in Ukraine, the constellation is used to connect remote communities, and it has been a key part of hurricane recovery efforts as well as in other natural disasters where connectivity is lost.

When SpaceX started Starlink, others were eyeing the market for satellite internet as well. At the time, Musk said that "it's always good to have competition." But Starlink has since outpaced its competition.

Another satellite provider, OneWeb, went bankrupt and then was resurrected and operates a far smaller network. Amazon plans to launch thousands of satellites but has yet to send up a single one. It is also facing a lawsuit from one of its shareholders, who alleges the company "acted in bad faith" when awarding launch contracts to other commercial companies, including Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin, but not to SpaceX.

"Despite being the launch provider with the most proven track record and the lowest prices in the industry, SpaceX was seemingly not considered by Amazon," the suit alleges. (Bezos owns The Washington Post. Interim CEO Patty Stonesifer sits on Amazon's board.)

SpaceX is also the sole provider to NASA for crew transportation to the space station. But that's not because NASA just awarded one contract. It awarded two specifically so that companies would have to compete against each other, driving down the cost and increasing reliability. But the other company to win a contract, Boeing, has yet to fly any astronauts and may not until next year, leaving SpaceX as the only provider.

"SpaceX has been truly innovative in several key areas, launch and large constellation broadband internet — two things people have long dreamed of but have been tried and failed before," Weeden said. "SpaceX has managed to make them a reality. In many other industries soon after there are breakthroughs, that encourages more competition. And the innovative technology proliferates across multiple companies. But in the case of SpaceX, we haven't yet seen competitors who have managed to do what they can do."

That dominant position didn't come easy. SpaceX was initially locked out of Pentagon launch contracts and had to sue the Air Force to be allowed to compete. It also fought to earn NASA as a customer, and now it is one of the space agency's most reliable partners.

A good portion of that success stems from Musk himself, who works relentlessly and pushes his teams to as well, attempting to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. Building rockets that would fly to space and then land safely so that they could be reused is one example, especially as many had told Musk it was impossible. Building a constellation of thousands of satellites was another. Both were accomplished relatively quickly, which is part of the SpaceX ethos.

"You can always go faster than you think you can. Hands down," Kiko Dontchev, SpaceX's vice president of launch, said during a recent conference presentation. "There's always time to gain. There's always efficiencies to be brought. You think you went fast enough? … You can go faster. Every time my team is like, 'Dude, we can't go faster.' You're like, 'Yes, you can.' Move the goal posts. You'll be surprised what happens when you challenge people."

SpaceX has also thrived operating under what are known as fixed-priced contracts, where the contractor must eat any cost overruns. Traditionally, big Pentagon contracts operated under "cost-plus" contracts, allowing companies to be reimbursed if they went over their bid. That, critics have argued, has stifled innovation and allowed companies to move slowly.

The Space Force is also looking to SpaceX and its Starship, which, once flying, will be able to lift enormous amounts of mass to orbit. And it has praised SpaceX for keeping its Starlink constellation online even while Russian jammers were able to interfere with other networks.

"The quality of the link is excellent," Ukraine's minister for digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, told The Post last year. "We are using thousands — in the area of thousands — of terminals, with new shipments arriving every other day."

Missy Ryan contributed to this report.

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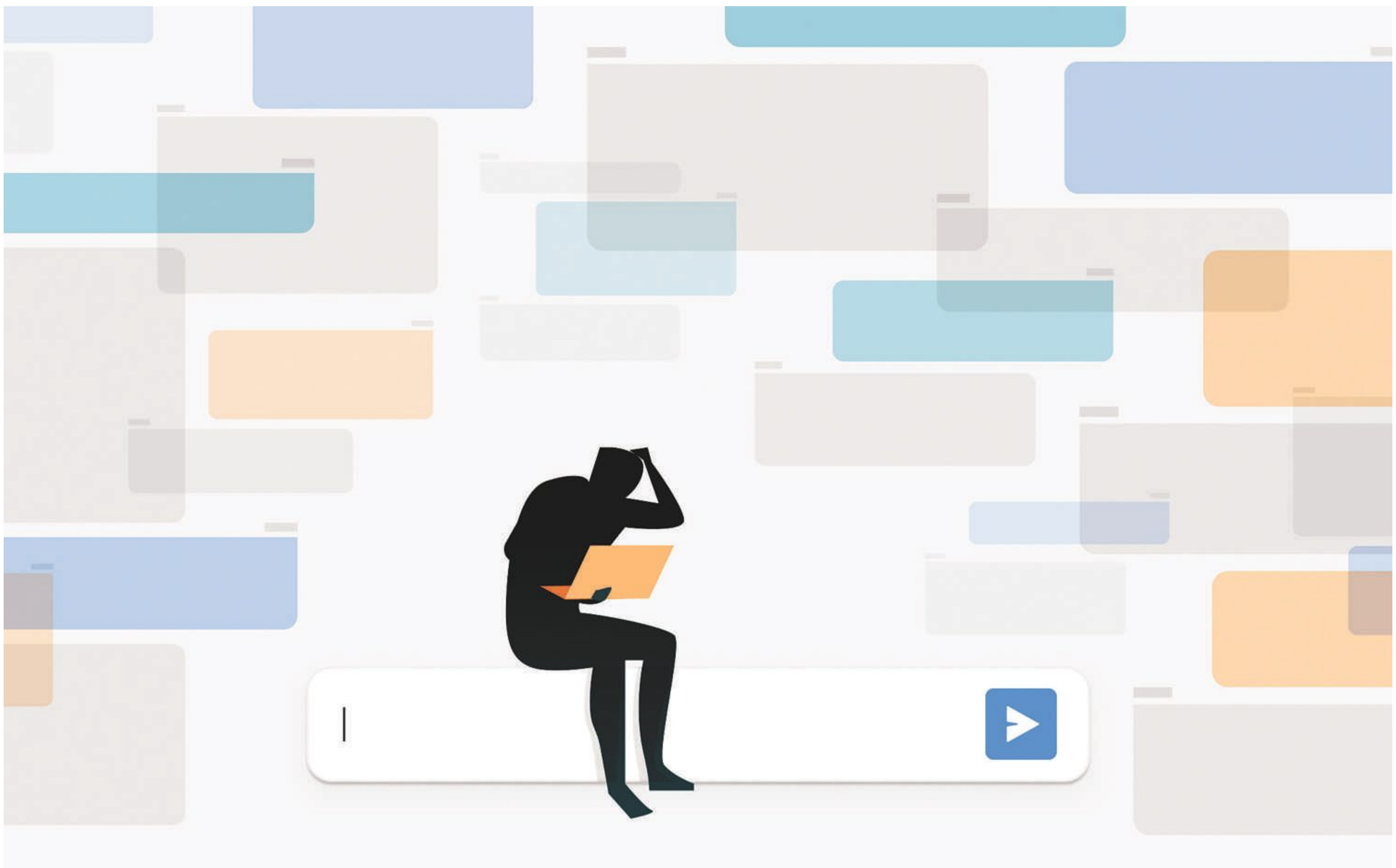
TECH FRIEND

To get the most out of ChatGPT, don’t expect it to be smart — and don’t give up

BY SHIRA OVIDE



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Artificial intelligence chatbots aren’t hard to use. But in my experience, and maybe yours, chatbots are hard to use *well.*

Effectively using ChatGPT, Bing AI or Google’s Bard is like learning a language with unintuitive quirks.

My colleague Will Oremus spent many months trying, failing and trying again to use ChatGPT to help him summarize information, brainstorm and write.

Try for yourself at *wapo.st/talktoai* what happens when you apply a few chatbot tweaks, such as feeding ChatGPT personal details about your friend to draft a wedding toast.

Will said one key lesson he learned from his research and experiments is to change (or lower) our expectations for AI chatbots.

ChatGPT is less like a Magic 8 Ball that spits out a perfect answer and more like a brainstorming partner who is tireless but not very smart.

I spoke to Will to identify these do’s and don’ts for how you can get the most from AI chatbots.

Don’t use chatbots for factual answers

Google and Wikipedia aren’t perfect, but they’re good enough for reliable factual information most of the time.

“That’s not what we’re talking about with chatbots at this stage,” Will said. “We’re talking about whole swaths of questions where the AI will get it wildly wrong.”

Paraphrasing the programmer Simon Willison, Will said AI chatbots give you the average or typical response from information the software has ingested from gazillions of websites. That average might be correct — or stupendously wrong.

And if the chatbot doesn’t know the answer to “What is Shira Ovide’s favorite food?” it might invent a plausible-sounding answer.

For questions with a known answer — the height of the Washington Monument or the biography of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz — use Google or Wikipedia and not ChatGPT.

Do use chatbots to help you brainstorm

When Will was planning an 8th birthday party for his kid, he typed into ChatGPT for help with the invitation — but not to write a draft.

Will knew that the AI had sucked up a bunch of children’s party invitations from the internet. He wanted a glimpse at what all those party-throwing parents had done before.

One version of the ChatGPT-suggested invitation wording said something like, come to the party, there will be games, cake and prizes. “And I thought, ‘People do prizes for birthday parties?’” Will said. (Yes, they do.)

Will said because chatbots have a vast storehouse of people’s past writing online, he’s started using ChatGPT to learn what other people have done before for parties, soccer practice planning and more.

Don’t ask a chatbot once and stop

Chatbot experts know that the first response when you type, “How can I talk to my 8-year-old to convince her to brush her teeth?” may be generic and unhelpful.

But Will said if you keep going back and forth, ChatGPT might land on something that sparks an idea.

“You never sit down expecting to type in your prompt, get the response and you’re done,” Will said. “It should always be regarded as an iterative process.”

When I asked for kiddo brushing persuasion, the free, publicly available version of ChatGPT offered 12 suggestions. One of them was to tell your child a fun story about a “tooth superhero” who uses brushing to defeat monsters.

I typed a follow-up question: “What’s a story I can tell about tooth superheroes?”

The next chatbot responses suggested a character called “Flora the Flosser.” They weren’t great, but they weren’t bad.

I went back again and asked ChatGPT to make the story about a unicorn. The software spit back “Rinsewind the Rainbow Rinser,” a unicorn whose rainbow rinses were a shield of protection for teeth.

ChatGPT can suggest loads of (mostly terrible) ideas. Somewhere in there might be a germ of a good idea that you can run with.

That should be your expectation for ChatGPT, Will said.

He quoted a line from a 1990s Gin Blossoms song: “If you don’t expect too much from me, you might not be let down.”

Do know what chatbots are best at

Chatbots can be amazing at explaining complicated topics like cryptocurrency as though you’re 5 years old.

To understand this strength, it helps to know that the software has been fed archives from Reddit, including a forum called “Explain Like I’m Five.”

Similarly, there are loads of recipes on the internet. That makes ChatGPT good (but imperfect) at personalized recipe planning.

When I typed into ChatGPT, “Suggest seven dinner options that use many legumes and lentils and can be prepared ahead of time,” I thought the options were solid.

They included a chickpea salad with diced peppers, tomatoes and red onions with a lemon vinaigrette.

I asked ChatGPT to “make me a shopping list with ingredients for the first four dishes” that the AI had spit out. And it did.

But because chatbots mash together bits of online information in sometimes nonsense ways, you shouldn’t rely on AI recipe steps.

A chatbot might skip an essential ingredient or tell you a dish is gluten-free when it’s not.

Again, you should treat ChatGPT less as a reliable cookbook and more as a meal-planning brainstorming partner.

Don’t get frustrated and give up

I’ve been disappointed when I’ve tried AI chatbots. The experiences made me reluctant to spend time learning to make the technology work for me.

For example, I asked ChatGPT and Bing’s AI to come up with an itinerary for my New Jersey beach vacation last spring.

The suggestions were either obvious or so unlike me that I would have laughed at a friend who made the same recommendations.

Will said that while chatbots are far from perfect and not great at everything, they are worth an investment of your time.

He said the five minutes of travel planning with ChatGPT could have popped up some ideas for me to research further.

That doesn’t make AI the magical personalized travel planner that I want, but it’s something.

Make sure to download Apple’s latest iPhone and iPad update for security

BY CHRIS VELAZCO

If you have an iPhone or iPad, take a few minutes today to make sure it’s running the most up-to-date software.

This week, Apple disclosed and patched two security exploits that, if used correctly, could allow attackers to run their own code on other people’s devices. The company also said it is aware of a report that these issues may been “actively” used against certain people.

The University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab, which discovered the exploits, said it found these vulnerabilities while inspecting a device owned by a person “employed by a Washington DC-based civil society organization with international offices.” Those exploits, Citizen Lab’s announcement says, were used to inject the NSO Group’s Pegasus spyware — software that has been used to hack journalists, business executives and activists in addition to the criminal suspects and terrorists it was ostensibly designed to be used against.

That may sound unsettling, and it certainly can be for certain people. But ordinary users who aren’t likely to be targets of state-sponsored spyware attacks don’t have as much to worry about. Even so, the Citizen Lab encourages “all users” to install the update anyway.

How to install the update

To install the update, open your iPhone or iPad’s Settings app, then tap “Software Update.” If you see an update waiting for you with the version number 16.6.1, tap “Download and install” to proceed.

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Apple disclosed security flaws that could put some iPhone and iPad users at risk. Its software update is designed to protect all users.

On the off-chance you’re someone with a high-enough profile that even tighter security is warranted, you may want to consider trying Apple’s Lockdown mode. First released in iOS 16 last year, the feature — among other things — blocks certain kinds of message attachments, changes the way websites load to avoid potential vulnerabilities, and bars people you haven’t been in contact with from being able to FaceTime you.

Apple calls it an “extreme” measure and is total overkill for the vast majority of users. That said, the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab believes it could block attacks like these.

What if I don’t see an update?

If you don’t see an update waiting for you, it’s possible your phone already installed it. In the Settings app, tap “General,” then “About” — if you see 16.6.1 in the “iOS Version” field, you’re set.

There’s a good chance this is exactly what happened on your phone or iPad, too. Earlier this year, another Apple software update enabled an automatic update feature by default — all you have to do to make sure that new software like this security patch gets installed overnight is keep your device plugged in and connected to WiFi.

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FINANCE

FDIC reviews role in First Republic failure

A U.S. banking regulator said that its supervisors could have been more aggressive in policing First Republic Bank’s risk management before its May failure but that it was unclear if that would have saved the bank in the face of the unexpected speed that depositors pulled their money.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) said in a report published Friday that a loss of market and depositor confidence ultimately sank the bank.

However, it added that bank supervisors were too “generous” in gauging some of its risks, notably around interest rates and a high level of uninsured deposits. The regulator found its supervisors actually spent less time at the bank from 2018 to 2023, a period in which the firm doubled in size.

First Republic’s failure at the beginning of May was the third bank collapse in a matter of weeks, after a tumultuous period that kicked off with the abrupt failure of Silicon Valley Bank in March. First Republic’s collapse, which saw the bank seized by regulators and most of its assets sold to JPMorgan Chase, was the second largest bank failure in American history.

The 63-page review of the FDIC’s supervision of the bank does not ultimately conclude whether the bank would have survived with stricter oversight, noting the “unexpected” speed at which depositors fled banks.

However, it said the bank probably would have been more resilient to the spreading panic had supervisors criticized bank management practices sooner.

“It is much easier to suggest what examiners should have done, once one has a full understanding of the events that actually happened and how they diverged from historical norms,” the agency said in its report.

The FDIC ultimately found that its supervision team was timely in examining First Republic and producing its findings.

— Reuters

TAX PREPARATION

TurboTax misled in ads, FTC judge rules

Intuit misled consumers by claiming its TurboTax product was free when most customers needed to pay to use the popular tax preparation software, a Federal Trade Commission judge ruled.

In a decision that was dated Wednesday and released Friday, Administrative Law Judge Michael Chappell sided with the FTC, which alleged that Intuit deceived consumers with false advertisements. Intuit can appeal the judge’s ruling to the FTC’s commissioners.

Intuit “advertised to consumers that they could file their taxes online free using TurboTax, when in truth, for approximately two-thirds of taxpayers, the advertised claim was false,” Chappell wrote.

He ordered the company to stop advertising that its products were free and include “clear and conspicuous” disclosures.

Intuit said it will appeal the decision, calling the process “flawed and highly questionable” in a blog post last week.

The company said it already adheres to “most of the advertising practices” in the decision, and expects no significant impact.

— Bloomberg News

ALSO IN BUSINESS

U.S. housing affordability remained at a record low in July as high mortgage rates and prices kept homeownership out of reach for many Americans. The National Association of Realtors’ housing affordability index was unchanged at 87.8 in July, matching the lowest level in recorded data back to 1989. A level of 100 means a family with the median income has enough income to qualify for a mortgage at the median home price.

Wine production in France is expected to fall 2 percent this year, with major disparities between regions after some vineyards were severely hit by fungal diseases while good weather in other regions boosted potential output, the French farm ministry said. Total wine production in France is expected to reach nearly 45 million hectoliters this year, which is still within an initial range of 44 million to 47 million projected last month.

Travelers to Greece’s popular island destinations will face disruptions next week because of a 24-hour strike on Wednesday by ferry crews who cite safety and labor concerns. The PNO union said the decision was made Friday “on the occasion of the repulsive incident” this week in Greece’s main port of Piraeus, in which a tardy passenger drowned after being pushed into the sea by a ferry crew member. The union didn’t directly link the reasons for the strike with Tuesday’s drowning, which sparked anger and condemnation across Greece.

— From news services

Kroger grocery chain to pay more than $1 billion to settle opioid lawsuits

BY DAVID OVALLE

Kroger, one of the nation's largest supermarket chains, has agreed to pay more than $1 billion to settle lawsuits alleging it failed to monitor suspicious orders of addictive pain pills that fueled the nation's opioid crisis.

The company announced Friday it will pay up to $1.2 billion to states and local governments, and $36 million to Native American tribes over 11 years.

The money adds to more than $50 billion in settlements obtained by state and local governments suing opioid-industry players alleged to have flooded the nation with addictive pills, despite red flags that they were being diverted to the black market.

Governments aim to use the money to ease the opioid crisis and save lives. Among the ways: paying for drugs to reverse overdoses, bolstering addiction treatment services and creating education campaigns.

The nation's addiction crisis is still raging, even if far fewer people are dying of prescription-pill overdoses. In recent years, the drug crisis increasingly has been propelled by illicit fentanyl manufactured in secret labs in Mexico and smuggled into the United States. More than 110,000 people died of overdoses in 2022, two-thirds of them from synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, according to federal estimates.

Thousands of lawsuits have been consolidated into litigation in federal court in Cleveland. Many of the largest drug manufacturers, distributors and pharmacy chains named in the suits have already reached large settlements.

Attorneys representing states and other governments hailed the settlement as the first involving regional supermarket pharmacies.

"With many cases against regional pharmacy defendants still pending, we will continue to aggressively litigate these remaining cases," said a statement by attorneys Jayne Conroy, Paul T. Farrell Jr. and Joe Rice, part of the plaintiffs' executive committee of lawyers.

Local governments in 33 states, as well as D.C., can opt into the settlement, the attorneys said. Kroger operates grocery stores across the country, including Dillons, Fred Meyer, Ralphs and Smith's Food and Drug. Payments are expected to begin in December.

In Virginia, where the company operates Kroger and Harris Teeter stores, the state's share of the settlement could be $28 million, state Attorney General Jason S. Miyares said in a statement Friday.

"The opioid crisis has tragically claimed the lives of countless innocent Virginians, and this significant settlement is another important step in the battle against this epidemic, offering aid and recovery services to those who urgently need it," Miyares said in a statement.

Other well-known chains such as CVS, Walgreens and Walmart previously announced settlements to resolve thousands of opioid-related lawsuits. Rite Aid is also facing opioid lawsuits, including one from the Justice Department in the Northern District of Ohio.

Kroger, which operates more than 2,200 pharmacies nationwide, did not admit wrongdoing but said in a statement the settlement was a "milestone" in resolving opioid lawsuits.

"This is an important milestone in the Company's efforts to resolve the pending opioid litigation and support abatement efforts," Kroger said in a statement.

The announcement comes as Kroger is seeking to merge with Albertsons, another of the nation's largest grocery chains, in a deal that still needs regulatory approval.

The companies also announced Friday they are selling 413 stores to C&S Wholesale Grocers, a move intended to placate antitrust regulators at the Federal Trade Commission.

The company acknowledged in a news release that it expects to a take a $1.4 billion loss during the second quarter of 2023. In a second-quarter earnings call Friday, Kroger Chief Financial Officer Gary Millerchip said the settlement and payments won't affect the company's ability to complete its proposed merger.

In recent months, Kroger has settled opioid claims with West Virginia for $68 million and New Mexico for $58.5 million. Albertsons settled an opioid lawsuit with New Mexico for $20 million last year, but is facing similar claims by other states; the company declined to comment on Friday.

States have alleged that chain pharmacy operations were among many companies that failed to spot suspicious orders of addictive pain pills. In a lawsuit filed last month, Salt Lake County in Utah alleged that Kroger saturated the county with more than 69 million doses of hydrocodone and oxycodone pills between 2006 and 2014.

Plaintiffs' attorney Jeff Gaddy, of Levin Papantonio Rafferty, said the settlement "is another step toward fulfilling our commitment to hold responsible all entities that contributed to the opioid epidemic that has taken so many lives and impacted far too many."

The Drug Enforcement Administration requires companies to flag suspicious orders of controlled substances.

The lawsuit said Kroger acted as a distributor and dispenser of the pills and had access to plentiful data tracking suspicious orders, prescribing patterns and patients using multiple doctors to get prescriptions.

"Instead of taking any meaningful action to stem the flow of opioids into communities, they continued to participate in the oversupply and profit from it," the suit said.

The suit said Salt Lake County spent millions combating opioid abuse, including on efforts to crack down on drug-related crime, paying for treatment for people suffering from opioid-use disorder and spending at least $50,000 on naloxone kits for law-enforcement agencies.

Jaclyn Peiser contributed to this report.

Child-care industry has been teetering on the edge since pandemic shutdowns

CHILD CARE FROM A1

try afloat by propping up workers' salaries, boosting training programs and waiving family payment requirements.

Now, with the last of that money expiring this month, an estimated 70,000 child-care programs — or about 1 in 3 — could close as a result of lost funding, causing 3.2 million children to lose care, according to a study by the Century Foundation, a liberal think tank. That translates to $10.6 billion in lost U.S. economic activity, researchers found, adding new strain to a nation already struggling with a profound lack of child care.

"It isn't just individual children or parents that will be impacted, it's the economy as a whole," said Julie Kashen, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation. "When more than 3 million children lose care, that means all of those parents are going to have to figure out something else or reduce their work hours or leave their jobs altogether."

The expiration of federal funding comes at a precarious time for the U.S. economy, which is already slowing after a period of brisk post-pandemic growth. Job openings are at a two-year low, home sales are declining and more Americans are missing payments on car loans and credit cards. And although overall price growth is stabilizing, child-care costs have risen faster than inflation for five straight months. Experts say day-care fees, which are already among the highest in the world, are expected to rise even higher in coming months as supply dwindles.

Politicians on both sides have stressed the need for more affordable and accessible child care, but serious obstacles remain. Democrats in Congress are calling for $16 billion in emergency child-care funding this year, though such efforts appear unlikely at a time when Republicans are pushing to slash safety-net programs. Meanwhile, the government is on the brink of a shutdown because of widespread disagreement over budget policies.

Despite the recent influx of federal money, the child-care industry has been teetering on the edge since the pandemic forced sudden and widespread shutdowns across the country. An estimated 20,000 child-care centers — or 1 in 10 nationwide — permanently closed in the first two years of the pandemic, according to the Century Foundation. Hundreds of thousands of workers lost their jobs as a result, and many more quit for less-demanding, higher-paying jobs. Today, the industry remains short 40,000 positions from early 2020 levels. Experts say another 232,000 jobs could be on the line as government funding expires, just as the labor market cools. The unemployment rate rose to an 18-month high in August at 3.8 percent.

"This extra money, it was helping us stay on our feet," said Cynthia Davis, 53, who has a master's in early-childhood education and runs a 24-hour child-care center in Northwest D.C. "But now we're back in the same ditch we were in before. I can't even afford to pay myself a minimum wage."

The closure of a single facility can have large ripple effects, especially in areas with few child-care options. More than half of Americans — particularly low-income families, people of color and those in rural areas — live in "child care deserts," according to the left-leaning Center for American Progress.

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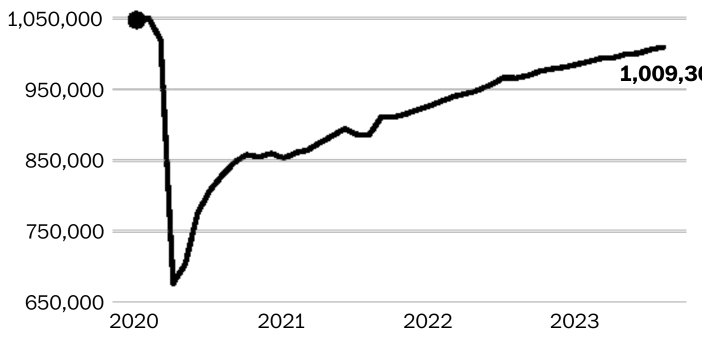
In Indiana, Kelly Dawn Jones is inching closer to shutting down her in-home child-care center of 14 years, though she worries about the families. Home centers, which disproportionately serve low-income and rural children, are among those at highest risk of closure.

Child-care employment still hasn't recovered from pandemic losses

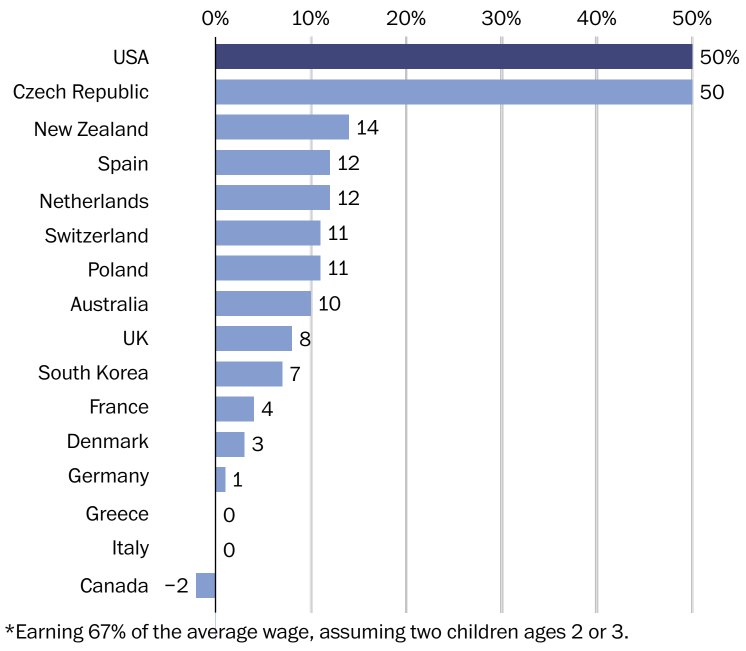
The country is still short 40,000 child-care workers.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Single parents in the U.S. face the highest child-care costs in the developed world

Child-care costs* as a percentage of net income for low-income* single parents (2022)



*Earning 67% of the average wage, assuming two children ages 2 or 3.

Source: OECD FEDERICA COCCO / THE WASHINGTON POST

Money is so tight that Jones had to lay off two longtime teachers last month, leaving her to single-handedly run her center.

Overall, the United States is already short about 3.6 million child-care slots, according to Child Care Aware, a nonprofit advocacy group.

"The pandemic laid bare and exacerbated what was already a tenuous situation in child care," said Melissa Boteach, vice president of income security and child care at the National Women's Law Center. "The American Rescue Plan was a lifeline. And when this money dries up, it will be a slow roll toward making the country's child-care deserts even drier."

Ashton Nelson, a mother of four in Calvert County, Md., is dealing with the fallout of her children's day care closing last week. She quickly found a preschool for her 4-year-old daughter. But her son, 20 months, has been at home all week, while Nelson pieces together help from grandparents, siblings and friends so she and her fiance can go to work.

Day-care wait lists are years long, in part because so many area centers have recently closed, she said. A nanny would be too expensive. And neither Nelson, a secretary, nor her fiance, who does maintenance work for local school systems, can work from home.

"It's one big frustrating jumble," Nelson, 32, said. "Will I eventually have to quit my job? Of course it's something that's crossed my mind, but it's not a decision I can make lightly when I carry our family's health insurance. But if things fall through, what can I do? I can't call out every day."

Economists say the impending rollbacks could deal a disproportionate blow to mothers, who have returned to work at record rates since the pandemic. The share of women in their prime working years in the labor force, at more than 77 percent, is near an all-time high and has helped prop up much of the economy's recent strength. But child-care disruptions could threaten those gains and lead to worsening worker shortages in industries such as nursing, teaching and hospitality, which have all struggled to refill their ranks since the start of the pandemic.

"If you have young children, you can't work without child care," Boteach said. "That means you're going to likely see more women being pushed out of the labor force. And you're going to see businesses having an even harder time finding people to hire."

In Indiana, Kelly Dawn Jones is inching closer to shutting down her in-home child-care center of 14 years, though she worries about leaving families in an impossible position. She cares for five children — all of whom receive government assistance — while their parents work as pharmacy techs, delivery drivers and kitchen staff at local hospitals.

"I have parents say to me, 'Thank God you're still open because that's the only way I can get to work,'" Jones, 49, said. "But I honestly don't know how much longer I can hang on."

Money is so tight that she had to lay off two longtime teachers last month, leaving Jones to single-handedly run her center. She receives between $157 and $203 per child in state reimbursements each week, but those payments are often late, she said. She's dipped into her own savings and borrowed from friends to buy groceries and cover basic upkeep.

"These days, all I can think about is closing," she said.

Home child-care centers like Jones's, which disproportionately serve low-income and rural children, are among those at highest risk of closure. More than 97,000 licensed family child-care homes have shuttered since the early 2000s, cutting the overall industry by nearly half, Department of Health and Human Services figures show. Another several thousand more are expected to go dark this year, experts say, as pandemic-era funding expires.

That is expected to put even more pressure on families with young children. Child-care costs are already ticking up much faster than inflation: Day-care and preschool fees have risen 6 percent in the past year, nearly double the overall inflation rate of 3.2 percent, government data show.

Last year, U.S. child-care costs ate up 23 percent of income for average-wage families, up from 12 percent in 2021, according to data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Now many worry the financial burden on families will become even greater as government help dies off.

Child-care providers say a mix of high expenses and low wages have made it exceedingly difficult to stay afloat. Caring for children, especially young ones, is labor-intensive and costly: Many states require one caretaker for every three or four infants. Add in insurance, staff training and rent, and many say they are barely eking by.

Janna Rodriguez, a child-care provider in Long Island, hasn't taken a salary since January. Keeping up with inflation has been such a struggle that last year, she didn't pay herself for nine months.

Almost all of the 16 children she cares for rely on federal assistance. But the money isn't enough to cover her costs: Monthly rent has risen 20 percent to $4,100 in the last three years. Electricity, water and liability insurance are all up 25 percent.

Meanwhile, her food bill has more than doubled, from about $800 a month to $1,800. Every other weekend, Rodriguez, 33, spends a half-day driving to three grocery stores — BJ's Warehouse, Walmart and Trader Joe's — to buy milk, fruit and meat for the children's breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

"I've had to sacrifice my own financial independence to be able to provide not just for the children, but making sure my staff are paid," she said. "Even with that, the only thing I can afford to pay is minimum wage. Who wants to do this work when you have a bachelor's degree or master's degree and are making less than what you would at McDonald's?"

Back in Wisconsin, Lexie Monigal is hoping to hire a nanny even though that means her monthly child-care costs could double to $3,200. It's a last-ditch effort, she said, before she considers leaving the workforce until her youngest child enters kindergarten. Quitting her job would be less than ideal: She would have to pay back a substantial signing bonus if she leaves before her two-year contract ends and would lose her family's health insurance.

"I'm really trying to keep working, but if this doesn't work, or it ends up being too astronomical, there's literally nothing else I can do," she said. "We don't have any other option."

Federica Cocco contributed to this report.

FREE FOR ALL

Opt out of misleading readers

The Aug. 25 Metro headline "Judge shuts down bid to leave LGBT storytimes" was misleading. The headline implied that the elementary English language arts curriculum for Montgomery County Public Schools requires a specific story time focused on LGBTQ+ books. As stated in the article, the books are age-appropriate and part of a list of recommended books that present culturally aware topics that promote inclusivity and equity.

Montgomery County Public Schools, from which I am retired, spends huge amounts of time and effort developing its various curriculums. Allowing parents to opt out of specific parts they don't like would create chaos. The headline for the article should have read, "Judge shuts down bid to opt out of the English language arts curriculum."

Jack Hume, *Silver Spring*

Dishonoring their history — and ours

The Post's focus on how and why the Smithsonian collected human brains, "Revealing the Smithsonian's 'racial brain collection' " [front page, Aug. 29], exemplified an embrace of "shock and awe" presentism the paper's history doesn't deserve.

The Smithsonian Institution was created in a century in which America's culture was dominated by racial pseudosciences such as phrenology and social Darwinism. But the Smithsonian has transformed with the times, both in what has been collected and how those collections have been interpreted for the public at large.

Like The Post, the history of the Smithsonian is not a static story.

Amy Henderson, *Washington*
The writer is historian emerita of the National Portrait Gallery.

Success has many fathers. Failure, on the other hand . . .

I read the Aug. 16 Metro article "Mother of boy who shot teacher pleads guilty to neglect" four times thinking I must have missed something. Though fingers can be pointed at numerous people who could have possibly stopped a 6-year-old from finding his mother's gun and using it to shoot his teacher, the one missing is the child's father.

It takes two to create a child.

John Donellan, *Pikesville*

No euphemisms for terrorism

I was taken aback by the sentence in the Aug. 17 front-page article " 'Tomorrow's martyrs,' in a Palestinian militant cell" reporting the number of Palestinians "killed" by Israeli forces followed by the number of Israelis who "died" at the hands of Palestinian terrorists.

Died? The Israeli victims didn't die of heart attacks or in car accidents — they were murdered, killed sitting in cafes and waiting at bus stops. If The Post wants to be the moderate, unbiased voice of news, it should choose its words wisely.

Lilianne Milgrom, *Fairfax*

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Pushing readers' buttons

The Aug. 26 editorial cartoon by Clay Bennett, showing campaign buttons with the names of the Republican contenders and their front-runner, was indeed saddening.

However, knowing that a majority of the American public, including me, thinks President Biden's button should be included in the cartoon is what makes this looming election flat-out depressing.

Kurt Petersen, *Woodbine*

He wasn't a contender as a lookalike

Louis Bayard's Aug. 20 Book World article, "The devil we know," said that in "The Exorcist," homicide detective Lt. William Kinderman tells the Rev. Damien Karras that he looks like Marlon Brando.

Worth noting: That was changed in the movie. Kinderman said, "They said I could tell, that you look like a boxer. . . . Yeah, it's true. You do look like a boxer. John Garfield, in 'Body and Soul.' Exactly, John Garfield. People tell you that, Father?"

Tom Curtis, *Washington*

Cirrus-ly on cloud nine

Martin Weil's Aug. 19 Metro article "Friday was outdoors summer at its finest" was poetry in prose form. I've long kept a list of "top 10 days" in Washington, and Aug. 18 qualified. Weil captured the clouds beautifully: "Shifting their shapes, stretching out snowy arms, spreading and expanding at a measured rate, they signaled leisure and not haste or hurry. They sailed at a speed seemingly suited to the creation and consideration of summer dreams."

Fall is my favorite time of year in D.C., and I dare dream for a couple more such poetically beautiful days.

Christopher Ullman, *Alexandria*

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A women's cricket match between Australia and New Zealand in Birmingham, England, on Aug. 6, 2022.

Crickets for these amazing women

The Aug. 23 news article "With World Cup, Australia embraced women's sport. Can it continue?" mentioned soccer, Australian rules football, rugby and even tennis, briefly, but it failed to mention another important women's team sport: cricket.

The Australia women's national cricket team has gone through many struggles, fighting for more pay (resulting in the highest pay rise in the history of women's sport in Australia), grass-roots development and exposure. Today, these women form one of the most supported and dominant teams in all of cricket, and stadiums are packed when they play in Australia.

It would be remiss not to mention their struggles and put these undertakings in the perspective of their success. Yes, they have made more strides, but we could use this perspective to look at how sports for women in Australia and globally can be taken to its zenith.

Caroline Dabre, *Ashburn*

You're in the right ballpark

I don't follow soccer, but I was curious about the Aug. 28 Sports article "With U.S. stars back, Spirit rallies for late draw." Just from reading the article, I guessed the sport was soccer, but that word didn't appear at all. How about identifying the sport in each article for folks like me who aren't knowledgeable?

Mary Massey, *Silver Spring*

How about 'the Equalizers'?

I appreciated The Post's excellent reporting on the World Cup. But when I read about the Lionesses, the Matildas and La Roja, it became clear that the U.S. women's national team needs a cool nickname.

Keith Ord, *Potomac*

We oughta be slapped silly for this error

The Aug. 12 Metro article "New tour of duty for Baltimore County's Pikesville Armory" referred to "an athletic field where Gen. George S. Patton played polo in the 1930s, regularly traveling to Pikesville from the Pentagon." For the record, construction of the Pentagon did not break ground until September 1941.

Patton could not have traveled from the Pentagon in the 1930s. Until the 1940s, there simply was no Pentagon. However, he might have traveled to Pikesville in the 1930s from the nearby Fort Myer, where Patton served in various active-duty capacities across four postings during his career.

Rocky Semmes, *Alexandria*

Don't be spin doctors for MDs

When framing the debate regarding full practice authority for nurse practitioners, the Aug. 21 Politics & the Nation article "Are we entering an era of medicine without doctors?" left out two critical elements.

First, the phrasing of "supervision" is misleading. It is not a requirement in any state for a nurse practitioner to be directly watched over by a physician. Instead, in 23 states, nurse practitioners are required to enter into contracts with physicians. This often amounts to little more than pieces of paper. Physicians in all 50 states often provide very little oversight of nurse practitioners.

The second missing element was the financial incentive doctors have to maintain the status quo. In the 23 states that lack full practice authority, nurse practitioners have to pay to enter into contracts with physicians — and the fees are not nominal. Although they average $750 per month, they can cost as much as $2,000. This fee reduces the incentive for nurse practitioners to want to practice independently from physicians — thus limiting their potential and restricting access to care.

This is not a debate about health and safety; it is a debate about economics and how much financial control physicians should have in the marketplace for health care.

Edward J. Timmons, *Morgantown, W.Va.*

'Pro-life,' anti-context

In his Aug. 24 op-ed, "The Democratic Party's line on abortion can't be crossed," Ramesh Ponnuru cited a 2013 review of abortions that occur after 20 weeks, but he omitted critical context.

From the abstract of the review: "Later abortion recipients experienced logistical delays (e.g., difficulty finding a provider and raising funds for the procedure and travel costs), which compounded other delays in receiving care. Most women seeking later abortion fit at least one of five profiles: They were raising children alone, were depressed or using illicit substances, were in conflict with a male partner or experiencing domestic violence, had trouble deciding and then had access problems, or were young and nulliparous."

Such a glaring omission is nothing short of intellectual dishonesty. A more honest approach would discuss how the self-appointed "pro-life" movement's work in restricting early-term abortions is one of the leading causes of the later-term abortions that Ponnuru decried.

Michael Daly, *New York*

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Nurse Clair Lunt talks with her staff about artificial intelligence's ability to predict patient falls, at Mount Sinai hospital in New York on May 9.

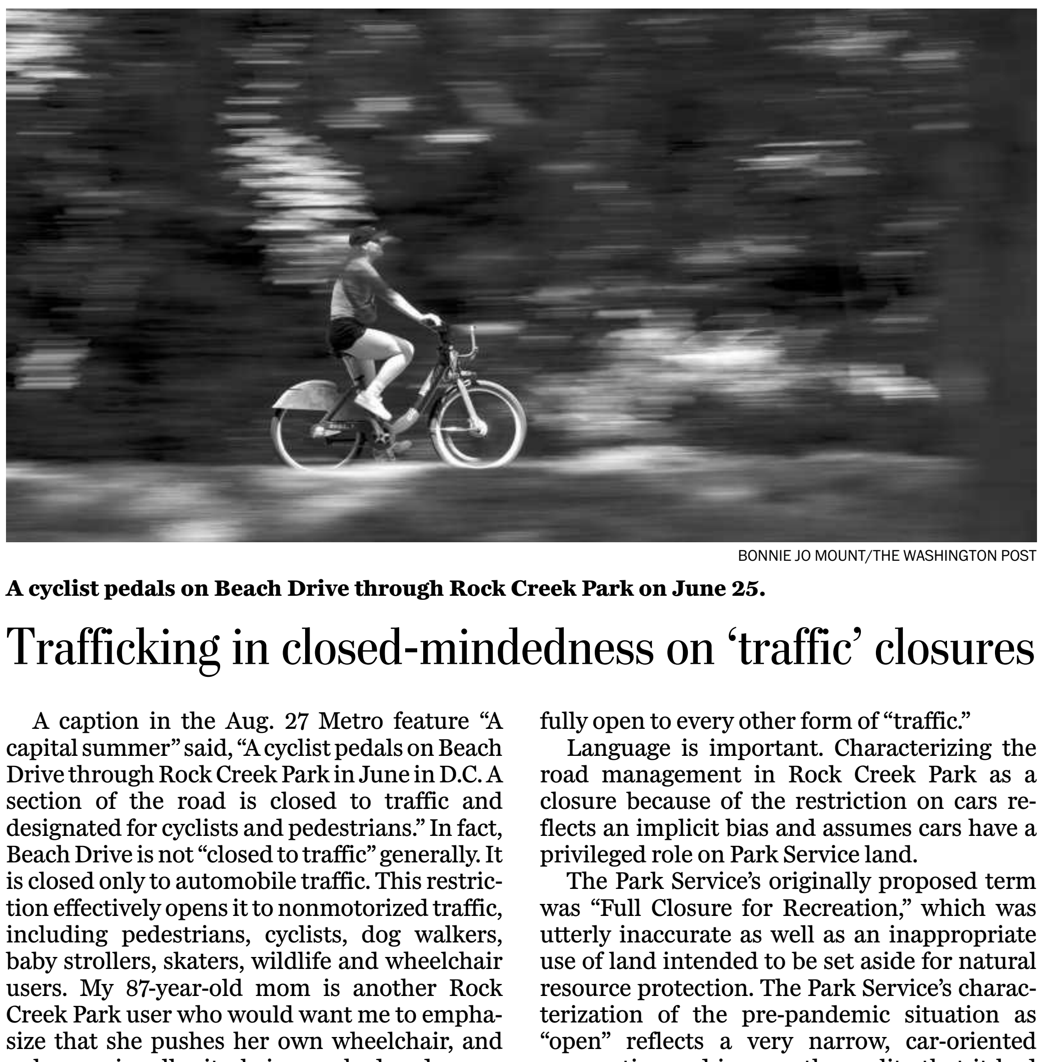
Replace nurses with software? AI-ee!

The Aug. 20 Business article "Hospital bosses love AI. Doctors and nurses are worried." began with a scenario in which a doctor used artificial intelligence to determine that a patient was likely to die and thus needed attention. The problem? A kinked chest tube. The article said this scenario "could be an advertisement for the potential of AI to transform health care" without acknowledging the real issue.

You do not need a critical-care doctor with AI to assess a decompensating patient with a kinked chest tube. You need a critical-care nurse to have time to easily assess and fix the problem.

We have a severe nursing shortage. AI is not going to fix that, and it never will replace human beings necessary to provide competent critical-care nursing. It is ridiculous to attribute an AI-generated list as the answer to a very simple fix. Pay nurses better and respect them more.

Heidi Clark, *Takoma Park*
The writer is a former intensive-care-unit nurse.



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A cyclist pedals on Beach Drive through Rock Creek Park on June 25.

Trafficking in closed-mindedness on 'traffic' closures

A caption in the Aug. 27 Metro feature "A capital summer" said, "A cyclist pedals on Beach Drive through Rock Creek Park in June in D.C. A section of the road is closed to traffic and designated for cyclists and pedestrians." In fact, Beach Drive is not "closed to traffic" generally. It is closed only to automobile traffic. This restriction effectively opens it to nonmotorized traffic, including pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers, baby strollers, skaters, wildlife and wheelchair users. My 87-year-old mom is another Rock Creek Park user who would want me to emphasize that she pushes her own wheelchair, and only occasionally sits, being pushed under rare circumstances.

As a daily user of Rock Creek Park to ride my bike to work, run errands, go to medical appointments and occasionally for exercise, I can attest there is plenty of foot traffic, bike traffic, dog traffic and stroller traffic. The National Park Service has closed a couple of short segments only to automobile traffic. Beach Drive remains fully open to every other form of "traffic."

Language is important. Characterizing the road management in Rock Creek Park as a closure because of the restriction on cars reflects an implicit bias and assumes cars have a privileged role on Park Service land.

The Park Service's originally proposed term was "Full Closure for Recreation," which was utterly inaccurate as well as an inappropriate use of land intended to be set aside for natural resource protection. The Park Service's characterization of the pre-pandemic situation as "open" reflects a very narrow, car-oriented perspective and ignores the reality that it had been effectively "closed" before the pandemic.

I respectfully request The Post seek to ensure more accurate wording to refer to the use of Beach Drive and other Park Service properties where restrictions close roads to only one type of "traffic," thereby safely opening it to other forms of traffic.

Jim Werner, *Washington*

Don't give me that old-time religion

The Aug. 30 news article "Pope calls out conservative critics in U.S. Catholic Church" reported on the challenges Pope Francis faces with the U.S. church. An important clarification: Pope Francis did not limit the use of Latin in the official liturgy of the church.

Latin can be, and often is, used in the liturgy Roman Catholics have been praying since 1970. Francis limited, in his letter to the bishops of the world published on July 16, 2021, the use of the Old Latin Liturgy, the liturgy promulgated in 1962 just before the Second Vatican Council. There is a world of difference.

The difficulty was not with the Latin language but with the theology and ecclesiology expressed in the older rite. Among the reasons the pope gave for the restriction of this older rite was the use to which it is often put by those who want to divide the Body of Christ. Francis's goal is to unite people, not further sow division.

A lively discussion of Francis's letter by two women of the church, in the "Letting Liturgy Matter" episode of "F.L.O.W.cast," gives much food for thought. The women discuss the role of faith in their own lives and the very real challenge it is for contemporary Catholics to uncover the truth about which Francis writes in his apostolic letter "On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God."

Sister Beth Murphy, *Springfield, Ill.*
The writer is communication director of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois.

Preach!

I thank Colbert I. King for always telling it like it is ["The Wild West spirit lives on in D.C.," op-ed, Aug. 26]. I hope he keeps "nagging and preaching." We need him.

Diana Berchiolli, *Washington*

'Justice Petri' has a nice ring to it

Alexandra Petri's Aug. 13 op-ed, "The Supreme Court justice lifestyle is for me!," was the most witty, insightful and enlightening piece on the Supreme Court that I've read in months. (Well, okay, Ruth Marcus has penned a few good ones, too.) If Petri has decided she would like to be a Supreme Court justice, I'm prepared to nominate her. The court could use some of her wisdom.

Philip F. Shutler, *Annandale*

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FedEx Field in Landover last month.

No one wins in a bidding war over a new NFL stadium

D.C., Maryland and Virginia can avoid a race to the bottom for the Commanders.

NOW THAT Daniel Snyder no longer owns the Washington Commanders, speculation is churning about a new stadium for the team. Though its storybook Super Bowl seasons unfolded at RFK Stadium in D.C., the team has played since 1997 at FedEx Field in Prince George's County.

In a July radio interview, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said, "I am on record as saying there's only one place in the D.C. region for the team, and that's at their winning home at RFK." The 190-acre campus on which RFK Stadium sits is federal land leased by D.C.

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin showed up at the team's training camp in August. "I do believe that Virginia would be a great place for the Commanders to not just have training camp, not just have their headquarters, but in fact to play all their games," the Republican said.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (D) also turned in a training-camp appearance. "This is a perfect marriage. The Commanders are an incredibly important and vital part of not just our economy but part of our culture," he said.

Uh-oh: These statements might presage a DMV debacle in which competing jurisdictions engage in a bidding war to host a new Commanders stadium, wasting time and money in a race to subsidize wealthy owners of teams in the National Football League.

The possibility of such a frenzy owes to recent events in Washington sports. In July, NFL owners unanimously approved the sale of the Commanders for $6.05 billion to an ownership group headed by private-equity billionaire Josh Harris. News of the transaction had area football fans feting the end of the Snyder era, characterized not only by persistent failure on the gridiron but also by a spate of off-the-field scandals and fiascoes, including sexual-harassment allegations from female employees, allegations of financial misconduct, and chronic mean-spiritedness as manifested in contempt for fans and a defamation suit filed against Washington City Paper.

All those considerations help to explain why Mr. Snyder tried and failed to kindle competing bids from area jurisdictions for a stadium to replace FedEx Field, where the Commanders are under contract through the 2026 season. Who wanted to do a ribbon-cutting for a new stadium with the guy famous for empty seats in the old one?

As The Post has noted, Mr. Harris bursts onto the scene with experience in turning around distressed assets — including the National Basketball Association's 76ers — as well as the critical credential of not being Mr. Snyder. "We will work tirelessly to make you proud once again of this franchise, like my family was when I grew up here," Mr. Harris said in a July introductory news conference. Having grown up in Chevy Chase, Mr. Harris attended football games with his uncle at RFK, where the seating physically surged with the fans' cheers.

Nostalgia for those days is everywhere. "We are a football town, and I think having them back in the city will be a huge boost for the morale in the city," said Jack Evans, a former D.C. Council member and proponent of D.C. sports venues. Prospects for another era of NFL football at the RFK site ticked upward in July, when Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), who chairs the House committee that oversees the District, introduced a bill with bipartisan support to extend the District's lease at the RFK site for up to 99 years. What's more, it would broaden the permitted uses of the land from stadium/recreational/open space to mixed-use commercial-residential development.

With that flexibility would come leverage: D.C. could build a new mini-city with or without a stadium in its midst. "We want vibrancy, and we think that comes when you have the campus brought to life on days when there isn't a game," Ms. Bowser said.

The RFK plot holds an edge over the existing site in Prince George's and prospective sites in Virginia. It's served by three Metro lines (Blue, Orange and Silver), it's close to a major thoroughfare (Interstate 295), it provides great sightlines for NFL broadcasts, and it comes steeped in all that glory-days history. Mr. Moore has signaled that he's "absolutely willing to leverage taxpayer dollars if we know there's going to be a significant societal return on the investment." And according to a prospectus on the Commanders reported by ESPN in May, the new ownership group is expecting a generous package from Virginia.

"First and foremost, I hope this doesn't end up in a race to the bottom between these three jurisdictions," said Tracy Hadden Loh, a fellow with Brookings Metro. Two area lawmakers had the right idea years ago, Ms. Loh said, when they attempted to cement a regional compact to spend no public funds on a new stadium for Washington's NFL franchise.

That initiative was equal parts quixotic and dead-on: Studies on stadiums have shown that they have a negligible — and occasionally negative — economic effect on their surrounding communities. Rather than boosting the amount of economic activity, they siphon family budgets that would have been spent on entertainment in other neighborhoods, and the athletes often take their big salaries and spend them elsewhere.

As steward of the region's most appealing site, Ms. Bowser has an opportunity to set the terms of this discussion: No public moneys for stadium construction. (Funding for public infrastructure improvements in the stadium's vicinity is another matter.) Instead, she has thus far avoided taking a stance as she awaits the results of a "sports study."

Ms. Bowser might consider channeling the thoughts of then-Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R), who said last year before the Commanders changed ownership: "They're negotiating, trying to pit everybody against each other, but we're not going to get into a bidding war over them. And we're not going to be proposing $1.2 billion to build them the stadium." That's the spirit.

EDUCATION

Parental rights, public schools and home-schooling

Regarding the Sept. 4 front-page article "The home-schooler who made 'parental rights' a GOP rallying cry":

The parental rights movement is unfortunate and misguided. "Parental rights," as the phrase is being used, is a euphemism for religious indoctrination. Parents already have the right to indoctrinate their children if they choose. In public education, students should be exposed to the most reliable knowledge about our world as information evolves.

Much religious home schooling has been motivated by the desire to shield children from modern science or other subjects that conflict with ancient religious texts.

Religious beliefs that are dependent on supernatural entities cannot be verified. This is why the advancement of knowledge must remain secular. It is also a reason our founders created a secular constitution that gives people the right to practice their personal religion but not the right to impose it on others.

Jeff Holtmeier, *Silver Spring*

The lengthy front-page piece on Michael Farris merits a brief post-script. After grades 1-12 of home schooling, Mr. Farris promotes enrollment in the college he founded, Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, Va., where both faculty and student body must commit to the school's "Biblical Worldview," including "Husbands are the head of their wives just as Christ is the head of the church"; marriage can only be "a sacred God-made union between a man and a woman"; "Abortion and euthanasia are sins and violation of the public good"; "Humans and each kind of organism … did not result from a natural evolutionary process."

When Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) described Mr. Farris as "just an incredible contributor to protecting parents' rights and advancing this whole cause," was the governor aware and in agreement with the political baggage that accompanied this supporter/adviser? If Mr. Youngkin decides to run for president, I'm certain the electorate, Republicans and Democrats alike, would like to know.

Robert T. Hall, *Sterling*

Michael Farris and those who support him are not trying to seize public school money. Rather, they are trying to keep their own tax dollars from being used to promote ideas in public schools that go strictly against their beliefs. They think public education is indoctrinating children with damaging propaganda and want no part in it.

Home-schoolers simply do not want their money supporting a system that teaches ideas opposed to their beliefs. Education should not be an "us vs. them" or politicized topic. Wanting children to excel in basic math, reading and writing should not be equated to an extreme far-right agenda.

Hannah Redman, *St. Clair Shores, Mich.*

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Where to find a tour guide

As a D.C. licensed professional certified master guide and active member of our professional association, Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, D.C., I was surprised that the Sept. 3 Travel article "Looking for a trustworthy local tour guide? These tips from the pros can help." didn't mention an extraordinary resource in most of our major cities: local professional guide associations. Many, if not most, have links, listings, etc., to individual members who are available to contract for tours. Many listings have guides who conduct special-interest, topic-focused tours. Contact information, experience and contracting information are usually provided.

It's a great way to find a "vetted" professional.

Linda Dickinson, *Alexandria*

Mr. Biden's health report

The last paragraph of Jim Geraghty's Sept. 1 op-ed, "Tell the whole truth, Senator" concluded by stating that if Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and President Biden wish to remain in office, they have a responsibility to provide the public with "full and unvarnished information" regarding the status of their health. Mr. Biden has already done that.

His February 2023 annual history and physical are on the White House website. This was one of the most complete and thorough history and physical reports that I have ever read in my career as a nurse. Not only are his medications, diagnoses, procedures and consultations listed, but so are the reasons for the signs that he exhibits (e.g., stiff gait, frequent clearing of the throat). I am confident that his physician will update us with any acute changes. Until then, I look forward to the next installment in 2024.

Laura Schmid, *Fairfax*

Making peace by chucking it

What a coincidence! Just one day before reading Valerie Tiberius's Sept. 3 op-ed, "Why you should swap your bucket list for a chuck-it list," I had started my very own chuck-it list.

After months of fatigue and frustration trying to do everything I felt compelled to do, I stopped racing physically and mentally and spoke sternly to myself: "Listen up, girl. You're 91 years old. There is no rule that says you must knock yourself out to do everything on your bucket list. Give yourself a break." With that, I swept my desk clean, poured some chilled pinot grigio and plunked down with a good book, "An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us," by Pulitzer Prize winner Ed Yong. And you know what? Life is good. Really good.

Ms. Tiberius's theory of a chuck-it list has validated my own slightly guilt-ridden decision. I don't just accept my list; thanks to her, I embrace it. Moreover, as Ms. Tiberius wrote, a chuck-it list of "abandoned goals" gives you time to find "pleasure in the achievements of others."

Barbara Morris, *Falls Church*

Special thanks to Valerie Tiberius for her op-ed on swapping one's bucket list for a chuck-it list. I really needed that bit of comfort.

Since turning 80 and moving into an old folks' home and realizing I will probably never get to Alaska, where I've always wanted to travel, and never write more than an occasional book review or letter to the editor, I've come to the point in my life where I feel nothing but gratitude for the travels I have taken, little bits of writing that did get published and, most of all, the years given to me that many of my friends and relatives never attained.

A sign over my bed says it all: "Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened." Perhaps this shift in perspective is part of the different person we grow into with age as we set new priorities and new goals without feeling regret. We can enjoy a newfound and even more profound sense of gratefulness.

I clipped Ms. Tiberius's op-ed to share with my new friends at the old-age home. Whenever they talk of something not attained on their bucket list, a goal they never achieved, a trip never taken or a missed priority, I can remind them of the different people they've become, with new priorities, goals and unexpected joys, all thanks to a new perspective gained from chucking all the rest.

Kathy A. Megyeri, *Washington*

Covid is still a threat

I'm pleased Ramesh Ponnuru and his family came through their encounter with the coronavirus without any dire consequences, as he wrote in his Sept. 2 op-ed, "Covid is back. A national freak-out shouldn't come with it." Not all of us are as fortunate. Many Americans have friends and family who died or who have preexisting conditions that put them at serious risk from covid-19.

But Mr. Ponnuru continued the baseless condemnation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of the most highly respected health organizations in the world, for its common-sense closure recommendations early in the pandemic to reduce covid-19 deaths. Mr. Ponnuru questioned the efficacy of these so-called draconian measures as well as the proven effectiveness of masks.

He included former president Donald Trump among the "influential people" who changed our minds about "lockdowns." Yes, the same Mr. Trump who routinely played down the seriousness of covid-19, ridiculed precautions recommended by health organizations, was unhelpful in shifting political opinion about vaccinations, chastised people for wearing masks and touted hydroxychloroquine as a cure.

A large segment of the American population believes the disinformation promoted by people such as the former president. This has consequences. As of Sept. 7, the World Health Organization ranked the United States first in the world in confirmed coronavirus cases, with 103.4 million, and in deaths, with 1.1 million. Regarding the current surge, please let the doctors and scientists at the CDC and other health organizations do their jobs, and stop politicizing the disease.

Steven Rathjen, *Gainesville*

Affirming traditional stances

David Gibson's Sept. 5 op-ed, "American conservatives are not more Catholic than the pope," rightly presented Pope Francis as he is, ever affirming the Catholic Church's traditional position on issues such as abortion and war, while remaining supportive of those harmed by these destructive practices, be they unwanted children or victims of violence.

Orthodox but pastoral to an extraordinary degree, Pope Francis has been attacked by those who do not share his concern for others or for the disadvantaged, primarily by foisting on him positions that he does not hold and by opposing change of whatever sort, while claiming to be defenders of an uncritically imagined greatness.

Pope Francis remains one of the most forward-thinking and adventurous of recent popes, attentive to Ukraine, climate change, China, the Amazon, the very powerful and those whom they control. But he is aware, too, as his critics are not, that even his power has its limits. For that reason, among others, many of us look forward with anticipation and hope to the coming October synod, where all or most of these issues might be addressed.

John C. Hirsh, *Washington*

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The super rich's quest for eternal youth

COLBERT I. KING

The 'educational crisis' in D.C. demands more than promises

Emblazoned in large, bold type near the top of Rep. Charles H. Taylor's letter to the House of Representatives was this pronouncement: "The average D.C. student can't read this letter!" It was the North Carolina Republican's derisive characterization of D.C. public school math and reading test results published in The Post. The results showed that 94 percent of 10th-graders scored at a level indicating little or no mastery of grade-level math, and a majority of students fell below basic reading levels. Taylor, then-chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on the District, told his colleagues that the scores proved that the "D.C. public school system is failing virtually every young life it is responsible for."

Arlene Ackerman, at the time the system's new deputy superintendent and chief academic officer, called the results "an educational crisis." She even warned of an "educational genocide" if the city failed to reverse declining academic achievement.

Taylor sent his letter 25 years ago. I described the situation in a Jan. 17, 1998, column, "The lessons of test failures," which warned: "Do nothing about the problem and nearly an entire generation of school-aged children will be turned out on the streets without the preparation, skills or means to make a decent living or support their families in this increasingly competitive take-no-prisoners environment."

Fast-forward to Sept. 1 this year and The Post headline "In D.C., test scores improved but achievement gaps widened." The Post reported that most test-takers — roughly 66 percent — failed to meet expectations in math and reading standardized tests. Achievement gaps between White students and children of color grew from last year. In math, nearly 75 percent of White children scored "proficient." Only 11 percent of Black children and 19 percent of Latino students reached that standard.

The achievement gap in reading proficiency was just as big: 82 percent of White students scored proficient, compared with 23 percent of Black students and 32 percent of Latino students.

The racial chasms of about 50 percentage points or more in math and reading proficiencies have been persistent. With almost the same regularity, a succession of D.C. school leaders announce, sometimes with great fanfare, steps they are taking to help students catch up academically — only to see the kind of results that suggest there is a long way to go to get D.C. students ready for the next stage after graduating from high school.

A stipulation: There are loads of out-of-school factors that affect student achievement — including the home (parental involvement, support and an encouraging learning environment), as well as the child's physical and emotional health and relations with friends and peers. Let's acknowledge all that and dispense with the blame game.

But there are in-school factors — teacher quality, class sizes, school facilities and teaching resources — that have a strong bearing on student performance, too.

Considering the latest scores, I sought an opportunity to discuss the overall subject of academic achievement with Christina Grant, D.C.'s state superintendent of education, since she oversees both regular public and charter schools. Her schedule didn't allow for a meeting or interview in time for this column, but her staff at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) offered written responses to my questions.

While not addressing all questions directly, the OSSE wrote that it saw increases in "rates of proficiency across all student groups and racial/ethnic groups" but that "the rate of proficiency amongst black students continues to be significantly lower than the rate of proficiency amongst white students."

I sought Grant's thoughts as to why well-documented achievement gaps have persisted in this city for decades. And I also asked in an earlier note what constraints, if any, might hamper her ability to deal with academic performance issues. Both concerns went unanswered.

There are loads of out-of-school factors that affect student achievement. But there are in-school factors — teacher quality, class sizes, school facilities and teaching resources — that have a strong bearing on student performance, too.

However, OSSE said it was making "investments in students furthest from opportunity" to include "$35 million over three years to fund high impact tutoring in math and literacy, and is currently on track to reach a total of more than 13,000 students across both math and literacy by fall 2024." Around this time next year? Put a pin in that.

OSSE wrote that it has "systematically scaled up access to HIT, reaching 90 schools and non-school sites, serving some of our highest need students." HIT stands for "high-impact tutoring."

I also sought an assessment of teacher quality, since a teacher's actions are also believed to affect student performance. The query was left unaddressed.

Instead, OSSE said "over $1 million" in federal funds is being spent on programs to help teachers "build foundational knowledge" for serving students with disabilities and "earn an add-on to their existing teacher credential." Teachers will also be "eligible for up to $1,500 incentive pay for completing the program." More than 400 teachers, as of early July, have enrolled in these teacher-support programs, OSSE said.

"Statewide assessments," wrote OSSE, "provide an accurate and valuable picture of student proficiency, but it is just one metric that OSSE uses to measure school quality."

OSSE said it publishes data at the school and state levels on many factors related to "wholistic school quality," so schools "and partners across the District's education ecosystem can use data to inform their own decision-making."

All well and good — if effective. We've been hearing various plans for solving this problem for a quarter-century and beyond. Results matter more than promises.

RICK REILLY

Holy grits, 'Coach Prime' has saved my beloved Buffs

You don't understand how bad it's been. Being a Colorado Buffaloes football fan is like being a Nickelback devotee. You mostly get laughed at. A couple of years ago, a buddy said he left two Buffs tickets on his desk at work and somebody broke in overnight and left two more.

Last year, we won *one* game out of 12. We lost to Minnesota by 42 points. Most schools could start the faculty against Minnesota and not lose by 42 points.

But now? *Now*? It's a miracle, a dream, Eddie the Eagle winning the gold.

We went from the nuclear winter of college football to the epicenter of it, all thanks to an irresistible football god named Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders, the Hall of Famer who dumped almost our entire sad 2022 roster, lured dozens of vastly better players, and told the world how amazing the Buffs were going to be.

MICHAEL CIAGLO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Colorado football coach Deion Sanders

"We comin'," he kept saying.

I nearly sprained my eyes, rolling them.

Look, I was born in Boulder, been a fan since I was 5, graduated from Colorado University ('81). I've seen coaches "comin' " and then "goin' " for nearly seven decades. We've had 11 coaches in just the past 18 years. The problem is we are a beautiful town, but we're *sooooo* White — 89.5 percent White and 1.3 percent Black, in fact. We are whiter than Tucker Carlson eating a Wonder Bread mayonnaise sandwich at Cracker Barrel. Black players come here with Rocky Mountain high hopes, look around, see *nobody* who looks like them, and get out.

So here came Neon Deion, spouting promises, telling us he was going to bring players from HBCUs to *Boulder*, of all places. Here came a son of the South, born in Florida, coached in Mississippi and played in Atlanta, telling us he was going to make hippie-happy Boulder his new home. He even talked the local breakfast joint into adding grits to the menu. They call it PRIME Grits.

This was all going to work . . . *how*?

So, when it came to facing No. 17 TCU on the road in the first game of the season last Saturday, I gave the Buffs the chances of a skydiving blowfish. And it wasn't just me. Before the game, analyst Tom Luginbill said Colorado might have "the worst roster in college football." Oddsmakers made CU 21-point dogs.

Well . . . Prime shut our mouths and opened our eyes. In one of the most astonishing coaching debuts in college football history, his Buffs — with 510 passing yards from his own son, QB Shedeur Sanders — stunned TCU 45-42. Not only did Young Prime vault himself into the Heisman Trophy race, but so did human Swiss Army Knife Travis Hunter, a two-way player who played 151 snaps — wide receiver (100+ yards) and shutdown corner (a crucial interception) — *in 120-degree Texas heat.*

I've been covering football for 44 years. This just doesn't happen. No one over-promises and then over-delivers. It was like hearing your crazy uncle claim he can lift a Toyota over his head and then watching him out in the driveway doing 20 reps with a RAV4.

Pity the poor reporters sitting in that Fort Worth media room afterward, when Sanders roasted any media member who didn't "believe" going in. "No, no, no, I got receipts!" he yelled. Why objective reporters need to "believe" in the team they're covering doesn't matter in Prime Time.

Me? I'm not within a par-5 of being objective. I'm literally wearing Buffs underwear as I type this. I love everything about Coach Prime. I love the cowboy hat. I love the speeches he gives that make me, at 65, want to jump out of my lounger and flatten my living-room rubber tree. I love how different he is, like . . .

Naming no team captains; it's just "leaders and dawgs."

Posting signs copping to the reality of name-image-likeness college football: "You Play Good, They Pay Good."

Screaming at his charges for not jumping into an on-field shoving match: "If one fight, we all fight!" And this was in *practice.*

I especially love when he reaches the crescendo of a barnburner locker-room sermon, then hollers, "Gimme my theme music!" And an actual *DJ in the locker room* hits a button and the whole room starts shaking like loose farm equipment.

All of which brings us to this weekend, when the Believe It or Not Buffs host our hated eternal enemies — Nebraska *(spit).*

For 125 years, the CornEaters have pretty much been the tornado and we've been the trailer park (20-49-2). We're sick of it.

"This is personal," Sanders says, even though it very much isn't personal. He's saying that for us. He's banning the color red on campus for us. And if he can whup the Evil Red Menace for us, the Flatirons will topple, elk will lie down with moose, and all the vegans in Boulder will eat double Sinkburgers.

Me, I'll be mainlining grits.

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Elaine Welteroth, Author & Co-Host, “The Conversations Project”

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Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Co-Chair, Artificial Intelligence Caucus

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WALTER ISAACSON

Author, “Elon Musk”

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THE DISTRICT
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City kids get out into nature

MELINA MARA/THE WASHINGTON POST

Ann Henderson tells her granddaughter Amber Taylor, 8, about certain herbs in the Washington Youth Garden at the National Arboretum in D.C. on June 24. The garden was established more than 50 years ago to teach kids about gardening. See more images by photojournalist Melina Mara from the Washington Post photography department's "A Capital Summer" series on B2.

Teens charged in Md. brawl

5 ARRESTED IN VIRAL POSTGAME FIGHT

Group attacked student from rival high school

BY DAN MORSE AND NICOLE ASBURY

The brawl outside the Bethesda Metro station following a high school football game began after a teen with a BB gun was part of a group that attacked a student and stole his Adidas flip-flops, according to details from a bail review hearing for one of the youths arrested in the case.

Police on Friday announced that they charged five teens in connection with the melee that broke out after a Bethesda-Chevy Chase vs. Walter Johnson football game last week and went viral. Multiple students were injured, and a district spokesperson previously told The Washington Post that at least one student went to a hospital.

A 16-year-old from Bethesda is being charged as an adult on counts including armed robbery and second-degree assault. Two teens, both 15, are charged with first-degree assault. Another 15-year-old and a 16-year-old have been charged with robbery and second-degree assault offenses.

Montgomery County District Court Judge Amy Bills, citing the age of the teen who just turned 16,

SEE **BRAWL** ON **B4**

Va. town settles lawsuit sparked by police stop of Army officer

Local force must submit to more scrutiny after allegations of racial bias

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

A small Virginia police force will have to obtain accreditation and subject its officers to more scrutiny under the terms of a settlement to resolve a lawsuit brought by the state's attorney general after a 2020 traffic stop of a Black and Latino Army officer generated nationwide controversy.

Then-Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring sued the town of Windsor in 2021, alleging that its police force discriminated against Black people and violated their civil rights. The suit came after a video of 2nd Lt. Caron Nazario being stopped at gunpoint and pepper-sprayed by a Windsor officer went viral.

Windsor, which is in the Hampton Roads area, did not admit wrongdoing under the terms of the deal it reached this week with Herring's successor, Jason S. Miyares. But its police department agreed to get certified by a professional-standards commission and have any complaints about use-of-force incidents reviewed by a state prosecutor and forwarded to the attorney general's office.

Miyares called the settlement "firm but fair."

"I think like . . . so many Americans, I was shocked by the traffic stop involving Lt. Nazario," Miyares said. "That was an egregious and unjust use of power, but I will say this: No one dislikes bad police misconduct more than good police."

The town said in a statement that Herring obtained data that showed Windsor did not have a pattern of racist policing. The statement said officers used force on people 20 times over a period of eight years, including in six incidents involving Black people. Only one complaint was validated, the town said.

Herring's office said at the time the lawsuit was filed that it had reviewed 14 months of traffic stops by Windsor's force that showed 42 percent were of Black drivers, 200 to 500 percent more than would be expected, given the number of people of color in the town.

"The Town of Windsor has worked diligently within its police force to enhance training, improve policies and procedures, and ensure the public that its law enforcement operates without prejudice and within the law," the town said in a statement.

Jonathan Arthur, an attorney for Nazario, said in an interview that his client appreciated the work the attorney general's office had done on the case.

"The AG's attorneys understood the gravity of what happened," Arthur said. "They forced the Windsor police to take steps that won't help my client but will help other citizens of Virginia."

The video of Nazario's stop on Dec. 5, 2020, shows him holding

SEE **SETTLEMENT** ON **B4**

Covid-19 concerns persist at colleges

Most schools urge, but don't require, vaccinations and testing

BY NICK ANDERSON AND SUSAN SVRLUGA

On college campuses, the return of students for the fall semester coincides with the return of a still-worrisome health threat: the coronavirus.

Some are already reporting cases of infection. Many are encouraging students to get tested if they have covid-19 symptoms and stay current on their vaccinations. Colleges are also reminding students and employees to isolate for five days, following public health recommendations, if they test positive for the virus. Exactly how and where infected students would isolate can be tricky, though, depending on whether schools have enough spare rooms.

Jeff Sheehy, the father of an undergraduate at the University of Maryland, said this week that the student moved briefly from a College Park dormitory to a nearby hotel to isolate after contracting the virus. It was a mild case, Sheehy said, but to him it underscored that colleges and universities must be vigilant and transparent about public health.

"They need to communicate," Sheehy said. "They need to tell people it's happening. They need to destigmatize people who end up with covid."

On Wednesday, the U-Md. health center director, Spyridon S. Marinopoulos, sent a reminder

SEE **CORONAVIRUS** ON **B6**

Stiffer murder charges filed in U-Va. football player killings

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

The charges against a former U-Va. football player accused of shooting and killing three members of the team in November have been upgraded to the most serious murder counts available under Virginia law, ones that carry a mandatory life sentence, a prosecutor announced Friday.

A special grand jury returned 13 charges against Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. on Wednesday, including aggravated murder for the slayings of Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis and D'Sean Perry. The three football players were fatally shot on a charter bus that had just returned to the U-Va. campus from a field trip on Nov. 13.

Two others were wounded in the shooting, including running back Mike Hollins, who returned to the playing field last week. The attack prompted a lockdown of the campus and a major manhunt before Jones was captured about 12 hours later.

SEE **U-VA. KILLINGS** ON **B4**

Face of D.C. pedestrian safety hurt in hit-and-run

Decade after campaign, he's apparently struck by car while riding scooter

BY DANIEL WU

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Stephen Grasty in a 2013 poster from the Street Smart pedestrian safety program.

Ten years ago, Stephen Grasty became the face of a D.C. campaign for pedestrian and bicycle safety. Grasty's tired expression stared out from billboards, gas station screens and the sides of buses alongside the caption "Pedestrians don't come with airbags." A thick black tire mark ran down the right side of his face.

While posters of Grasty canvassed the District, he took to the street and handed out pamphlets to spread the word about the pedestrian safety program, Street Smart, in person.

"He had an offer to do that campaign, and he's one to follow rules," Shelly Grasty, Stephen Grasty's mother, told The Washington Post. "… So that was an easy advocacy thing for him to pick."

The awful irony was not lost on Shelly Grasty when she received a call at her Adams Morgan home early Sunday. Stephen Grasty FaceTimed her, writhing in pain from the side of a road. He said he couldn't remember what happened, but he believed he'd been hit by a car while riding his scooter.

When Shelly Grasty arrived at the scene on 14th Street SW near the Washington Monument, she saw emergency vehicles crowding the street — and then her son lying on the road with his head propped on the curb. The mangled scooter he'd been riding lay nearby. The hit-and-run left Stephen Grasty hospitalized. In a city that has struggled to curb traffic collisions, Grasty had gone from being the face of a pedestrian safety campaign to another case study.

D.C. police are still investigating the incident, a spokesperson told The Post on Thursday.

Clark Mercer, executive director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the nonprofit that runs the Street Smart program, called Stephen Grasty an important advocate and friend of the program and its "marquee face."

"We are immensely grateful for

SEE **HIT-AND-RUN** ON **B4**

A CAPITAL SUMMER

A child kneeling on a bench flashes dirty feet during the D.C. Green Zone Environmental Program on June 28.

Nature immersion camp run by the Patuxent Riverkeeper in Upper Marlboro, Md., on June 29.

Young people are introduced to a catfish just caught in the Anacostia River on June 28, the first day of the Green Zone Environmental Program run by the Earth Conservation Corps in D.C.

Three-year-old Finley Cox-Wickman plays among the gardens and the forest within the Washington Youth Garden at the National Arboretum in D.C. on June 24.

A field trip from the Kingsley Family Resource Center in Falls Church, Va., teaches about different types of bees at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Time to get their hands (and feet) dirty

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MELINA MARA
TEXT BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

The catfish is the most magical of creatures. A fish with "whiskers." Eternal resident of rivers. A wonder to a young person who has never seen one up close.

In June, on the first day of an environmental and conservation program in Washington, youngsters got to see one fresh from the Anacostia River.

"They were very scared of it," said Washington Post photojournalist Melina Mara, who captured the encounter. "Because they were almost immediately told that catfish have spines that you need to be careful of."

But if you touch it cautiously, the observers were told, "you'll feel how slimy and smooth it is," she said. Catfish have no scales and are slick to the touch.

Their glimpse came through a program that is among several summer efforts to introduce children to the sights, smells and feel of nature. And to get their feet dirty.

"All of these kids are city kids," Mara said, "and fascinated by something that lives in the wild.

"How does the natural world affect a child brought up in an urban landscape?" she wondered. "The natural world for some is quite foreign. Being exposed to different aspects of nature for city kids is an experience that they haven't had before.

"As nature makes its impression, the understanding that you are a part of nature, too, arises," she said. "That moment excites me to tell this story."

RELIGION

Survey finds congregations ‘in a state of flux’ post-covid

Report looked at giving, attendance, conflict and clergy satisfaction

BY BOB SMIETANA

Three years after the start of the covid-19 pandemic, churches have fewer people in the pews, more money in the collection plate and less conflict than they had in 2020.

Despite their struggles, many congregations are optimistic about the future. Clergy dissatisfaction, on the other hand, remains on the rise.

Those are among the findings of the latest report from the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, part of a five-year study of the impact of the pandemic on America's churches.

The report drew from surveys of 4,809 congregations from 58 denominational groups, including an oversampling of 20 denominations, as part of the Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations study. The surveys were conducted from January to May.

“It is apparent that congregational dynamics are still in a state of flux,” said Scott Thumma, director of the study. “Churches, and especially clergy, continue in a recovery phase. Even though aspects of church life are rebounding, the destiny of many faith communities is still uncertain.”

Median attendance at local congregations was at 60 people as of spring 2023, down slightly from 65 in spring 2020, according to the report — a decline of 9 percent. About a third (30 percent) of churches said they experienced significant decline, while a quarter (24 percent) experienced some decline. Twelve percent stayed the same, while 11 percent said they experienced some growth.

BRYAN CEREIJO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Church attendees worship at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Liberty City, Fla., on August 30.

One in 4 congregations (22 percent) experienced significant growth.

That pattern — half of churches reporting a decline while a third reported growth — is similar to the pattern at the beginning of the pandemic, according to the report.

Researchers also found that 16 percent of attendees were new in 2023, up from 5 percent in 2020. A number of people also continue to attend services online — an average of about 25 people, according to the congregations that track their online attendance. About half of congregations do so, with a median attendance of 75 overall, including online and in-person.

“Congregations remain optimistic about the future, but it is also apparent they are continuing to wrestle with the troubling conditions that were in existence long before covid-19 arrived,” the report's researchers wrote.

Giving at congregations went up by about 42 percent the past three years, from a median of $120,000 in 2020 to $170,000 in 2023.

“Even adjusting for inflation, this still represents a remarkable increase of over 25% since 2020,” according to the report.

Online giving appears to have played a role in boosting donations. Congregations that offer online giving reported higher per capita giving, ranging from $2,052 at congregations where online giving is used a little to $2,428 where online giving is used a lot.

Congregations that do not offer online giving options reported per capita giving of $1,809.

The report noted that only 31 percent of churches reported using online giving in 2015, whereas now 67 percent do so, and nearly half (48 percent) use this method “a lot.”

Researchers suspect that capital campaigns and other fundraising projects that were postponed in 2020 may have been started in 2023, boosting the giving.

Despite the boost from online donors, the return to in-person worship appears to play a role in increased giving. In congregations where there are more virtual worshipers than in-person worshipers, the median per capita giving was $1,053. In congregations where most of the attendees are in person and few are virtual, giving was $2,479 per capita.

“Whatever the reasons for the rise, it will be interesting to watch this trend in future surveys,” researchers wrote. “This is especially true since the growth in income did not translate into a significantly more positive assessment of the congregation's financial health compared to their self-perception of five years earlier.”

Giving to religious groups — including congregations and other faith-based charities — grew by 5.2 percent in 2022, according to a Giving USA report. Those donations made up about a quarter (27 percent) of all giving to charity — and religion was the only sector in the Giving USA report where giving went up.

While online worship persists, other forms of activities — such as youth programs, adult education and prayer groups — that were held online during the pandemic are now mostly in person.

“Half of churches are not holding any small groups or Bible studies online, 40% do not use online platforms for their administrative and committee meetings, and 40% have no e-newsletter,” according to the report.

In other findings, volunteerism is bouncing back, with congregations reporting that a third (35 percent) of their members volunteer regularly, up from 15 percent in 2021 and 20 percent in 2022. That number, however, does not match the 45 percent who volunteered in 2020.

Conflict within congregations also declined, with 7 percent reporting that conflict was so serious that clergy left, 9 percent saying people withheld funds due to conflict and 30 percent saying people left due to serious conflict. In 2020, 12 percent of congregations reported that clergy left due to conflict, 13 percent said people withheld funds due to conflict, and 35 percent said people left.

Thirty-nine percent said there was no serious conflict in 2023, up from 36 percent in 2020, while 32 percent said there was conflict but it was not serious, up from 28 percent in 2020.

Almost half of congregations (45 percent) said they were very positive about the future, while a third (36 percent) were somewhat positive. Nine percent were somewhat negative and only 2 percent said they were very negative.

However, the percentage of clergy who have thought about leaving both their church and the ministry altogether has risen since 2020.

In 2021, most clergy in the survey (79 percent) said they had never thought about leaving their current church, while 13 percent said they thought often about leaving. In 2023, the number who never thought about leaving had dropped to 62 percent, while 29 percent said they thought about it often.

As for leaving the ministry altogether, two-thirds of clergy (62 percent) said in 2021 that they had never thought about doing so, while 27 percent said they thought about it often. In 2023, 49 percent said they never thought about leaving, while a third (34 percent) have thought about it often.

Congregations also have less enthusiasm for change, three years after the start of the pandemic. In the summer of 2021, 86 percent of congregations said they were willing to embrace change to meet their challenges — including 47 percent who strongly agreed that they were willing to change. In 2023, two-thirds (66 percent) were willing to change — with only 20 percent strongly agreeing.

Researchers said congregations appear to be hopeful that they can face the challenges ahead of them. But those challenges are significant.

“Amid these positive signs remain some structural and organizational challenges that indicate all is not entirely rosy. Even given the rebounding attendance and level of optimism, the broad pattern of considerable membership decline remains ever-present.”

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Pope Francis chides his U.S. critics — but whom does he have in mind?

BY JACK JENKINS

Last month, when Pope Francis accused some American Catholics of harboring “a very strong, organized, reactionary attitude,” many in the faith and even some political junkies took his meaning. What was less certain was to whom, exactly, Francis was referring.

Francis made the comments in a forum with a group of Portuguese Jesuits on his visit to Lisbon in early August, when a priest who had recently been to the United States said he encountered many critics of Francis. The pope responded that some Catholics in the United States exhibit “backwardness” and warned that at times “ideologies replace faith.”

Overall, U.S. Catholics skew more liberal than many other religious groups — or, in some cases, Americans in general — on same-sex marriage, contraception, abortion access and other social issues. They also overwhelmingly support Francis: Pew Research has found that the proportion of Catholics holding a favorable view of the pope hovers around 83 percent.

But a vocal subset of conservative Catholics consistently voices consternation at the pope's views on matters including divorced Catholics, pro-choice politicians receiving Communion, as well as at the pontiff's emphasis on issues other than abortion and his attention to climate change. While not all have singled out the pope himself, they frequently have opposed many of his messages.

“Some of this is about the faith, and what is true and how do you share it,” said John Carr, the founder of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. “Some of it is about power — ecclesial, political and economic power. Pope Francis is a threat to the status quo in all those areas.”

If this is what Francis was talking about, however, it does not explain the whom. Carr would not speculate, and several Catholic writers from across the ideological spectrum expressed frustration about the vagueness of the pope's comments. Francis did not exactly clarify things when asked about the matter while flying to Mongolia. “Yes, they got mad,” Francis told a reporter, according to Crux. “But move on, move on.”

Before we move on, a few personalities on the Catholic scene whom Francis may or may not have had in mind:

Bishop Joseph Strickland

Strickland, the head the small Diocese of Tyler, Tex., has used social media to stake out a starkly right-wing stance, opposing the administration of coronavirus vaccines and praying via video in D.C. in December 2020 at the Jericho March, an event seen as a precursor to the attack on the U.S. Capitol a few weeks later. His prayer was comparatively tame, but — along with his Twitter feed — it irked fellow clerics who saw a Catholic prelate on the same program as the InfoWars conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. In November 2021, Strickland was privately chastised at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In June 2023, after Strickland published a post on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, accusing Francis of “undermining the Deposit of Faith” — the core of the Catholic faith — it was revealed that Strickland and his diocese were the subject to an apostolic visitation, a rare disciplinary investigation by the Holy See. Yet, Strickland pressed on, issuing a defiant pastoral letter last month in which he claimed that an “evil and false message” has “invaded” the church in the Synod on Synodality, which meets in Rome next month.

Raymond Arroyo

The news director for Eternal Word Television Network who moonlights as an occasional Fox News host, Arroyo regularly gives air time on his show “The World Over” to Francis critics such as Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the former papal nuncio in the United States; Cardinal Raymond Burke; and former Trump adviser Stephen K. Bannon. As a frequent guest on Fox News, Arroyo has gone further, mocking a Vatican official who came down with covid-19 despite having had a vaccination and booster.

Since joining EWTN in 1996, Arroyo has been instrumental in the network's evolution from a place for affable, if firmly conservative, religious programming to a channel that includes politically charged commentary. Francis is widely believed to have criticized the group in the past: When asked by a reporter in 2021 about those who take issue with his papacy, Francis referred to a “big Catholic television station that continually speaks poorly about the pope,” calling it “the work of the devil.”

Tim Busch

While not necessarily an outspoken critic of Francis, Busch has long been known as a central figure in more-established circles of conservative U.S. Catholicism — circles that have become increasingly resistant to Francis's message.

The founder and chief executive of the Pacific Hospitality Group, a hotel and resort company, Busch endowed Catholic University's business school with the largest donation in its history, and he recently said “the capitalist culture is consistent with the virtues of Catholicism.”

A prominent conservative philanthropist who once sat on EWTN's governing board, Busch also is a founder of the Napa Institute, an organization whose website says it is “empowering Catholic leaders to renew the church and transform the culture.” In practice, the institute hosts conferences that bring together Republican politicians such as former attorney general William Barr and former vice president Mike Pence with business leaders and Catholic Church officials. In the past, Busch has defended its mission, saying it is not “some sort of master plot to overthrow the papacy.”

He has been tied to Viganò, particularly to a public letter the archbishop published in 2018 asserting that Vatican officials helped to cover up accusations that the disgraced American prelate Theodore McCarrick had sexually abused seminarians. Viganò argued that Francis knew about the allegations years before they were made public, although a 2020 Vatican investigation on the matter was seen to absolve Francis of blame. The New York Times reported at the time that Busch consulted with Viganò on the letter before its publication in an EWTN-owned outlet, a charge Busch has repeatedly denied (the Times stands by its reporting).

Michael Voris

Voris, the founder and president of Church Militant, a Catholic media outlet that has been accused of racism and homophobia, also anchors “The Michael Voris Show,” a web-based video that accused the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops of profiting from human trafficking (a criticism of the bishops' helping migrants at the border) and generally “destroying America by promoting Marxist communism.”

Voris has aligned with right-wing political figures such as Bannon and Milo Yiannopoulos, a sometimes ally of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), who also has attacked the pope. In 2021, Voris invited Bannon and Yiannopoulos to speak at a protest against the USCCB's fall meeting in Baltimore, prompting an unsuccessful lawsuit from city officials, who feared the protest would incite violence.

Nick Fuentes

At the far right end of the Catholic spectrum is Fuentes, a young Catholic influencer known for espousing Christian nationalist, antisemitic and white supremacist views. He heads America First, a movement primarily populated by young men and whose attire was spotted on the Senate floor during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. While Fuentes is regarded as an extremist outsider, he has found political boosters in U.S. Reps. Paul Gosar, an Arizona Republican, and Greene, who have spoken at America First gatherings. (Greene later distanced herself from the organization.)

Fuentes, who has called for “Catholic Taliban rule in America,” made his biggest splash when he dined last year with former president Donald Trump at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida in the company of Ye, the rapper formerly known as Kanye West.

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Musk threat to sue ADL extends X war of words

BY YONAT SHIMRON

Since buying Twitter last year, Elon Musk has developed a seeming obsession with the Anti-Defamation League.

Over the past several days, the owner of X, formerly known as Twitter, has posted at least 25 times about the ADL, a nonprofit Jewish group that fights antisemitism.

His fixation grew Monday, when Musk threatened to sue the group — initially for $4 billion, and subsequently up to $22 billion — claiming the organization's criticism of his management of X has led to a 60 percent drop in advertising revenue. In one post, he said the ADL was “trying to kill this platform.”

It all began in November when the ADL called on advertisers to pause their spending on the social media site “until it becomes clear whether Twitter remains committed to being a safe place for advertisers as well as society overall.” The ADL itself resumed advertising on the site a few months later.

On Wednesday, a spokesman confirmed to Religion News Service that the ADL again halted any spending on advertising on X as of this weekend.

Musk may also be aggrieved by an ADL report issued in May that found “an increase in antisemitic content on the platform and a decrease in the moderation of antisemitic posts.”

That report cited the platform's decision to reinstate influential users it had once banned because of posts deemed antisemitic, which resulted in some 5,000 conspiracy-laden antisemitic posts. Those posts included disinformation about George Soros and the Rothschild banking family, often repeating long-standing baseless conspiracy theories about Jews controlling global politics, finance and media, as well as statements about Jews pushing a radical agenda to destroy “the West.”

After X's new CEO, Linda Yaccarino, met last month with ADL's chief executive, Jonathan Greenblatt, in an effort to improve relations, some X users launched a campaign with the hashtag #BantheADL.

Jake Shields, whose bio on X identifies him a “mixed martial arts champion and right-wing extremist,” led the charge. “Let's get this trending to help wake the masses of how evil they truly are,” Shields posted.

The hashtag soon became a top trending topic, and on Sept. 1, Musk “liked” a post supporting the campaign. At one point, he suggested X “run a poll” on whether to ban the ADL from the platform.

At the same, Musk denied any personal antisemitism. In a Monday post, he said: “To be super clear, I'm pro free speech, but against anti-Semitism of any kind.”

The ADL's Greenblatt responded in a statement: “It is profoundly disturbing that Elon Musk spent the weekend engaging with a highly toxic, antisemitic campaign on his platform — a campaign started by an unrepentant bigot that then was heavily promoted by individuals such as white supremacist Nick Fuentes, Christian nationalist Andrew Torba, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and others.”

Greenblatt called Musk's threat of a lawsuit “frivolous” and said Musk's behavior was reckless and dangerous, coming two weeks ahead of the Jewish High Holidays.

The Forward, a daily Jewish publication, has since recently started a running list of Musk's “disturbing comments.”

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Five teens charged in viral brawl outside Bethesda Metro

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released him from custody on a $10,000 bond Friday. She ordered that he live with his mother, who was in court Friday, and remain under 24-hour home arrest.

"I don't think this has gone unnoticed," Bills said of how videos of the incident spread online and the case has been closely followed. "It's been in the news. It's been on social media."

Bills also provided details of the police accusations in the case.

After the football game, a group of Bethesda-Chevy Chase students spotted a student from another school walking away from a Chipotle restaurant, Bills said.

"He's a Walter Johnson kid!" they yelled, according to Bills.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase students, including the 16-year-old, charged after the Walter Johnson student. The group told the student to empty his pockets, Bills said, adding that the 16-year-old then displayed what the Walter Johnson student "believed to be a handgun in his waistband." Ultimately, Bills said, the student "was knocked to the ground, hit and kicked, and his Adidas flip-flops were stolen."

Bills did not specify which students did the hitting and kicking. But she said the 16-year-old's object in his waistband caught the crowd's attention. "He's got a gun! He's got a gun! He's got a gun!" people yelled out, according to Bills.

The 16-year-old was ultimately identified and arrested. He told investigators the gun was an "air-soft gun," according to Bills. In an interview after the teen's bond review, his mother, Korta Johnson, expressed deep remorse — over what her son had allegedly done, how it might affect him and what impact the incident will have on the victim.

"My child will be apologizing to him," Johnson said.

(The Post generally does not name juveniles charged in crimes until they are in circuit court.)

The object her son had was an air-pistol BB gun, fashioned to look like a genuine 9mm handgun, which he purchased without his mother's knowledge, she said. Other classmates have purchased similar BB guns, she said.

"My son is a follower. He's a good kid, but he's a follower. He is socially awkward and was looking to get validation," Johnson said, sighing deeply at how he apparently chose to do so. Johnson said she hoped her son's case would be moved to the juvenile system, which is highly likely given his age. Johnson said that if accusations against her son are proved, and it comes to pass that a judge thinks he should be held in a juvenile detention facility for a few months, she'd accept that.

"He needs to learn his lesson," she said.

Johnson, a commuter bus driver, said her son has long been diagnosed with a learning disorder and gets an individualized education plan (IEP) aide at school to help him. He can have trouble speaking — owing in part to a lack of confidence, Johnson said — and doesn't always complete what he is trying to say.

In court on Friday, the teen addressed the judge politely. "Yes, ma'am," he said to several questions. When Bills asked him if he wanted to say anything about his bond, he hesitated over several words before saying briefly: "Actually, I honestly don't know. I really don't know."

He is generally sweet and respectful, Johnson said, and has no criminal record or history of violence. Johnson said she formerly lived in the White Oak area of Montgomery County. She moved to Bethesda — and a high-rise apartment on Wisconsin Avenue — to get her children into better schools.

"I tell him and his sister every single day to be respectful and to always the right thing — every single day," she said.

Some videos from the brawl are on social media. The Post has not independently verified the authenticity of the footage, which appears to capture seconds of at-times brutal altercations. In three videos, students can be seen curled in fetal positions while they are being punched and kicked by other students. Police used video of the assault to help identify suspects with help from Montgomery County Public Schools officials.

In an interview Friday, Capt. Jordan Satinsky from the Montgomery County Police Department's community engagement division said there will probably be more arrests from the spate of altercations. Police declined to answer questions about how many students have filed reports regarding the melee and what weapons were recovered. Satinsky said that depending on the student's age, certain violent crimes are automatically charged as adult under Maryland law.

Chris Cram, a spokesperson for the school district, said disciplinary action has been taken at the school level but declined to share further details. Federal student privacy laws restrict school districts from disclosing specifics of student disciplinary action.

However, there will be more stringent security measures taken at football games following the brawl. Backpacks will be banned, and students will be required to present their school IDs for admission. Students from a non-competing school can't enter a game without adult supervision.

Charges against U-Va. slaying suspect upgraded

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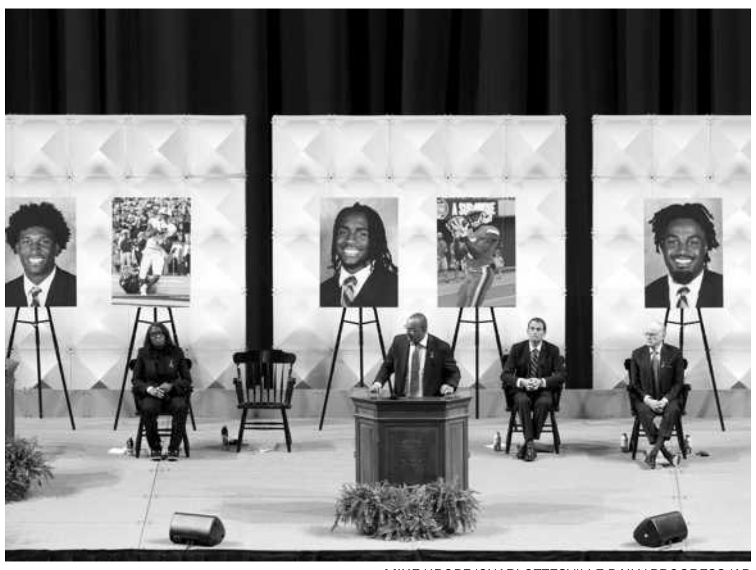
The new indictments supersede the lesser charges of second-degree murder and other counts Jones already was facing.

James Hingeley, the Albemarle County commonwealth's attorney, said in a statement that the new charges include six counts of aggravated murder, two counts of malicious wounding and five counts of using a firearm in commission of a felony.

Hingeley said he only intends to seek three convictions for aggravated murder but obtained two sets of charges under different code sections for strategic reasons.

"These alternate theories of guilt with different elements give the Commonwealth the widest latitude in presenting evidence, but ultimately the Commonwealth is seeking three convictions of aggravated murder, not six," Hingeley said in the statement.



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University of Virginia head football coach Tony Elliott speaks at a memorial for three players who were shot to death last year.

Elizabeth P. Murtagh, the public defender representing Jones, wrote in an email that "we are very disappointed that the prosecutor chose this way to proceed," but she declined to comment on Jones's guilt or innocence on the charges.

Police have not released a motive in the shooting, and those who know Jones have struggled to make sense of what happened. A prosecutor said at Jones's arraignment in November that a witness said Jones appeared to be targeting his victims, but gave no reason.

Ryan Lynch, who witnessed the shooting, said Jones did not interact with the football players much on the trip, which was meant for the students to see a play in D.C. She said others on the bus told her Jones said something to the effect of, "You guys are always messing with me" before opening fire.

Jones waived his preliminary hearing on the original charges in August, and the next hearing in his case is scheduled for Oct. 2. No trial date has been set. Hingeley said in his statement that the special grand jury was empaneled in May and had been meeting for several months before returning the latest indictments.

THE DISTRICT

Man tells of robbery attempt before shooting

3 people rushed into SW apartment with guns, he says; 1 dead in clash

BY PETER HERMANN

When police arrived at the Valo apartments in Southwest Washington on Tuesday, they found a bloody and chaotic scene.

A man who was among five people shot spilled out of an elevator and told officers, "They tried to rob me," according to a newly unsealed arrest warrant. He had wounds to his legs and a semiautomatic handgun next to him, the warrant says.

Inside the fifth-floor unit where the shooting took place, investigators found money "spread throughout the kitchen and the living room" and bags of a green "weed-like" substance, along with several large suitcases with handwritten notes attached to them.

The warrant offered new details of the shooting, in which one person was fatally shot and four others wounded in a rapidly gentrifying area near the Wharf and Nationals Park.

Police charged Southeast Washington residents Deandre Sams, 27, Raymond Mathis, 36, and Keshawn Lavender, 22, with first-degree murder while armed in the incident. All three were themselves shot and wounded, and arrested after they sought treatment at a hospital.

Police said they found Matthew Miller, 32, dead from gunshot wounds in one of two bedrooms in the apartment.

Authorities said Sams and Mathis remained hospitalized Thursday and did not make an appearance in court. A Superior Court judge ordered Lavender detained and set a hearing for Sept. 27. His attorney was not listed in court documents. The man who told police he was the victim of a robbery attempt was not charged.

The warrant summarizes interviews with several residents who heard gunshots and saw people fleeing. One witness described hearing a "flurry of bullets," while another reported seeing men with ski masks and guns running out of the building.

The warrant says investigators found a blood trail that extended from the elevator, through the lobby, out the front door and to the sidewalk along M Street.

The man found wounded in the lobby told police that at least three men dressed in all black rushed into the apartment with guns "and started shooting," according to the warrant.

That man told police that he got one of the shooter's guns and returned fire, the warrant says. It was not clear if someone dropped the gun or if the man wrested it away from an assailant.

Police said in the warrant that there were two bursts of gunfire from two different-caliber guns and that a total 11 rounds were fired. Police said a second gun was found in an apartment hallway, next to a plate with a taco on it.

The warrant says the gunmen ran out of the apartment after the shootings and went to a hospital. A sixth man fell from a fifth-story ledge and also was injured, police said.

Miller's mother said this week that her son lived "partly" at the apartment; the warrant says the alleged assailants were buzzed into the apartment by the leaseholder, whose name did not match any of the suspects or victims in the shooting.

Face of road safety campaign struck, seriously hurt

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his advocacy and partnership in this effort," Mercer said in a statement to The Post. "First and foremost, we wish him a smooth and full recovery. This incident is a painful reminder that we can all do more to protect pedestrians and cyclists on our roadways."

Grasty, 29, works as the general manager of The Park restaurant and nightclub on 14th Street. He took a scooter back to his home in the Southwest Waterfront area early Sunday after the club closed, Shelly Grasty said. It was only his second time commuting there after recently moving to the neighborhood, but he didn't expect to run into trouble passing by the National Mall, she added.

"He said it was an easy ride if [there was] no one in the street," Shelly Grasty said.

D.C. police received a call about the incident around 4 a.m., according to a police report. They found Stephen Grasty and his mother near the intersection of 14th Street SW and Jefferson Drive SW, near the Washington Monument.

An unnamed witness told officers that she was driving behind a car on 14th Street and saw it jerk and strike Stephen Grasty, sending him flying sideways, according to the police report. The driver continued without stopping, and the witness followed them into Virginia before returning to the monument to report the vehicle's tag number to police, according to the report.

Shelly Grasty said her son's forehead was covered in a huge "strawberry-like" road rash and that his ear was bleeding. The impact had knocked Grasty out of his shoes, which were strewn several feet away.

"He was in excruciating pain," his mother said.

Grasty was placed in a neck brace and taken to George Washington University Hospital, where doctors treated him for a long list of injuries, including a broken leg, foot and vertebra. His C6 vertebra was "hanging on a hair," Shelly Grasty said.

She said her son, who is still recovering in the hospital, remained in high spirits throughout the ordeal. Friends have visited him from California and Florida, and Stephen Grasty insisted on seeing them, even as nurses asked him to save his strength for the several surgeries he still requires. He cracked jokes and entertained them, as if he were still welcoming guests at the nightclub.

A neck surgery performed Wednesday was successful and should ensure Grasty avoids permanent injuries, Shelly Grasty said. Her family is waiting to review surveillance footage of the crash. Without it, they're still reeling from the incident and struggling to understand how it happened near one of the District's landmark destinations.

"Being on the National Mall, I mean, this is where the tourists come," Shelly Grasty said. "I don't understand why it's not safe down there."

THE DISTRICT

Paul aide attack suspect is sent to mental hospital

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

The D.C. man charged with stabbing and wounding a staffer for Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) during a random attack this year was ordered to be removed from jail and placed in the city's psychiatric hospital Friday.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Anthony Epstein, citing a four-page forensic report filed by a court-appointed clinical psychologist, said Glynn Neal, 42, must undergo extensive psychological treatment that the D.C. jail is unable to provide. The judge ordered that he be admitted to a 40-day treatment program at St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Neal was charged with assault with intent to kill in the brazen March 25 midday attack, which occurred as the staffer and another man were leaving a restaurant in the H Street corridor in Northeast Washington.

The victim, 26-year-old Phillip Todd, was stabbed multiple times in his head and chest, suffering a brain bleed and a punctured lung. He required several surgeries, federal prosecutors said.

In July, Neal was ordered to undergo psychological evaluations and treatment while he was in custody at the jail. But following a second examination that took place last week, psychologist Teresa Grant determined that Neal remained unable to understand the proceedings in his case and was not receiving the specialized treatment and medication he needed.

"Untreated symptoms of his mental condition are compromising [Neal's] ability to demonstrate a factual and rational understanding of his legal proceedings and the ability to assist counsel at this time," Grant wrote in her report filed with D.C. Superior Court.

Grant also criticized the jail's efforts in treating Neal's psychological problems. Neal, the doctor wrote, "has not received any psychiatric treatment and there has virtually been no change in his presentation."

Grant wrote that she believed that with treatment at the hospital, there was "substantial probability" that Neal could attain competency "in the foreseeable future."

A spokesperson for the D.C. jail declined to comment, citing laws that govern people's medical privacy.

At Friday's hearing, the judge encouraged Neal — who was standing next to his public defender — to work closely with the hospital staff. "We can't go forward until these issues get resolved," Epstein told him.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for Oct. 27.

Windsor, Va., settles suit but denies racist policing

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his hands out of the window of his newly purchased SUV during a traffic stop at a gas station. A lawsuit Nazario filed claimed he was stopped because he didn't have a rear license plate, but officers did not notice a temporary tag in his back window.

The video shows a pair of Windsor officers, with their guns drawn, yelling at Nazario to exit his vehicle. He asks the officers what is happening. At that point, Officer Joe Gutierrez tells Nazario that he is "fixing to ride the lightning, son."

Eventually, the video shows Gutierrez pepper-spraying Nazario and handcuffing him after Nazario leaves his vehicle.

Nazario sued Gutierrez and the second officer, Daniel Crocker, seeking $1 million in federal court. But a jury awarded him less than $4,000 in January. Nazario has appealed that ruling, and the case is pending.

Gutierrez and Crocker were cleared of any criminal wrongdoing in the case, but Gutierrez was fired from the Windsor police force. Crocker remains employed as an officer in Windsor.

AP

In this image from Windsor, Va., police video footage, Officer Joe Gutierrez uses pepper spray on Caron Nazario, a Black and Latino Army second lieutenant, during a traffic stop on Dec. 20, 2020.

THE DISTRICT

On the sixth day of 90-plus heat, afternoon storms bring rain and hail

BY MARTIN WEIL

We slogged and sweated through another day in the 90s in Washington on Friday, but in a dramatic departure from the days just past, Friday was four degrees cooler than any of them — and neither set nor threatened any records.

Washington's high of 93 on Friday made it the city's sixth successive day in the 90s, but four degrees below Sunday's 97.

Sunday began a string of days in the upper 90s, a spell that touched 99 and until Friday had averaged 98 degrees.

It became our warmest period this year, in fiery contrast to the summer's earlier days, which seemed so moderate, gracious and benign.

Although comparatively genteel in temperature terms, Friday and its heat helped launch fierce late-afternoon thunderstorms in northern and western suburbs. Rain fell in torrents, roads flooded, winds gusted and trees toppled.

Hailstones bounced on Northern Virginia streets and decks, and glittered in people's palms like icy quarters or ping-pong balls.

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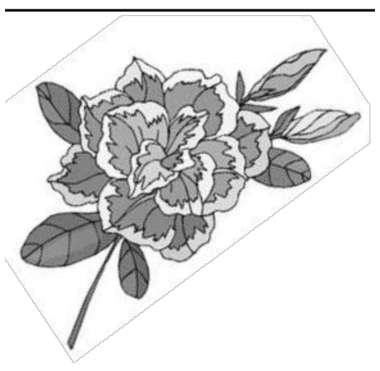

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ANNETTE D (FELBER) BERUL
Of Rockville, MD on September 6, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Berul, mother of Charles (Marcie) Berul and Lisa (James) Denburg, brother of Melvin (Bette) Felber, and grandmother of Andrew Berul, Stephen (Sophie) Berul, Jared (Aileen) Berul, Allison Denburg, Jolie (Zach) Golub and will be missed by grand-dogs.

She was born in Belgium and moved to Washington as a toddler, raised in the DC area. She graduated from George Washington University. Larry and Annette were married in 1960 and lived in New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Potomac, Ocean City, and Boca Raton, FL before returning to Rockville. Annette was a long-time teacher, friend to many, world traveler, dog lover, and always made you smile.

Graveside service on Sunday, September 10, at B'nai Israel, Oxon Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Antidefamation League or Alzheimer's Foundation.
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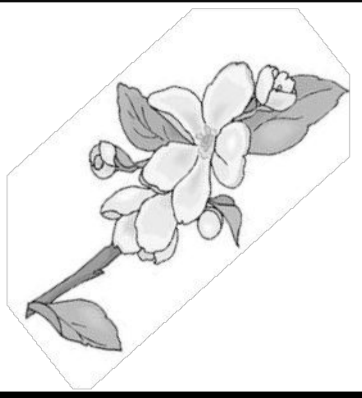

DEATH NOTICE

GOLNER

RABBI NORMAN GOLNER
On Thursday, September 7, 2023. RABBI NORMAN GOLNER of Falls Church, VA. Beloved husband of Jeanne Golner, loving father of Mitchell (Michelle) Golner and Jonathan (Bianca Bass) Golner, dear brother of Nachama Weisenberg and the late Joseph Golner, cherished grandfather of Clara and Raphael Golner. Funeral services will be held at TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 254 Carroll St., NW, Washington, DC on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. Interment following at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. Shiva to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICE

NELSON

ELIZABETH LARRABEE NELSON
Age 97, died September 1, 2023 of Alzheimer's disease, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Springfield, VA.

Elizabeth was born on February 16, 1926 in Brooklyn, New York, to Carroll Burton and Kathryn White Larrabee. She had one sister, Donna Rigali who passed away at 95 in 2018. She grew up in Greenwich, CT, and became a star badmitton player.

She completed her degree B.A. in Political Science at Wilson College, Pennsylvania, where, in her last year, she met her future husband, Andrew Nelson, a career naval officer. They were married on January 21, 1950 in Coronado, CA and remained married until October 2007 when Andrew passed away.

The Navy introduced Elizabeth to travel, and she became an avid world traveler. In all she visited over one hundred countries, the North and South Pole and all seven continents.

Elizabeth earned an M.A. in Education from George Mason in 1972. She taught elementary school Sterling Elementary School in Loudoun County, VA, for 17 years.

Elizabeth is survived by her three children, Andrew, Lesley, and Jeffrey, daughter-in-law Eleanor, five grandchildren, Christopher, Dominic, Jennifer, Kate and David and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Ethan.

Elizabeth will be buried with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. There will be no services. If you would like to donate funds in memory of Elizabeth, please donate to Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.

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OWENS

FREDERICK JOSEPH OWENS
Frederick Joseph Owens passed on Monday, September 4, 2023, after a 3-year battle with cancer. He was born in Fort Dix, NJ on February 27, 1963, to Frank E. and Evelyn C. Owens. Fred graduated from Herndon High School in 1981 before attending St. Francis University in Loretta, PA and earning a Teaching Degree from Shephard University in Shepherdstown, WV. He later earned a Juris Doctor from Ohio Northern University in 1997 and practiced law in Wilmington, NC until 2019. Fred was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his mother Evelyn C. Owens of Ashburn, VA; brother James Owens of Leesburg, VA; sisters Catherine Bischof (Tom) of Yorktown, VA; and Sue Dowling (Brian) of Leesburg, VA. He is also survived by his nieces Tori Gelbert (Wade), Kellie Lovely (Keith), and Danielle Dowling, as well as his nephew Ty Owens (Elizabeth) along with a long list of cherished friends.
A Celebration of Life will take place on September 16, in Cascades, VA. Please visit http://evite.me/38Mcj8NdTh for more information. He will be interned at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast North Carolina.

PERRY

DARYL Z. PERRY (Age 66)
It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Retired Brother Daryl Z. Perry on November 24, 2022. Private services were held by the family. Notice #1926.
Christopher M Madello
F.S.T.

PERRY

MARGARET PERRY
Margaret Perry, an expert in The Harlem Renaissance and an award-winning Librarian and Author, died in Ithaca, NY, on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. The daughter of Elizabeth Munford Anthony Perry and Dr. Rufus Perry, both deceased, she was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 15, 1933. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC. Burial to immediately follow at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, 4001 Suitland Road, Silver Hill, MD 20746. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Interlochen Center for the Arts, 4000 J Maddy PKWY, Interlochen, MI 49643.
Online condolences may be made to Margaret's family at
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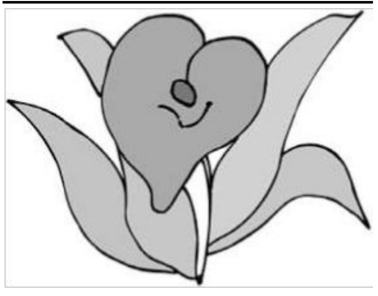
RAYMOND

GEORGE C. RAYMOND
It is with sadness that George C Raymond died at age 75 on August 27, 2023. He was preceded by his wife Bonnie Raymond and his parents Henry M. Raymond and Ann W. Raymond. George served in the US Navy with distinction. George and Bonnie had a very loving marriage that lasted for decades. George is survived by 3three brothers: Henry Marston Raymond Jr., James Patrick Raymond and John Edward Raymond. His ashes will be interned at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery County, MD. Our prayers go with him.



DEATH NOTICE

SITOMER

DAVID JONATHAN SITOMER
David passed peacefully on August 26, 2023 from lung cancer. David was a lawyer and actor, playwright, Sufi-Jewish-Quaker, early American historian, and true character. He is survived by his wife C.E. (separated), daughter Suzanna, grandchildren Everett and Bélatrix, sister Toby, niece Simone, grandniece Luna, and stepsister Linda. Family also includes two stepdaughters, five grandchildren, and multiple great-grands. Service October 9, 1 p.m. at the Quaker House, 2111 Decatur Pl. NW, Washington, DC.

DEATH NOTICE

EZELL

LINDA DENISE EZELL
Entered into etenal rest on Friday, August 25, 2023. She is survived by her husband, Gary Ezell; son, Jerone Gamble; sister, Diane Webb; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Mrs. Ezell may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Monday, September 11 from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Interment at Quantico National Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

DIDISHEIM

PAUL DIDISHEIM
Paul Didisheim died peacefully in Washington, DC on August 19, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. Paul was born in Paris, France on June 3, 1927. He came to America in 1937 with his parents, Frank Didisheim and Helena Simkhovitch Didisheim. He received his BA from Princeton University, and his MD from Johns Hopkins Medical School, where he met his wife, Ricarda Jahrreiss (July 17, 1929 - November 4, 2021). They were married in 1952 and their medical careers took them to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he served as Chief of the Blood Coagulation Laboratory; the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where he continued his research in hematology; and then the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Maryland where he was the head of the Biomaterials Program. Paul was passionate about social justice and racial equality. His commitment to providing higher education opportunities for all students led him to establish the Didisheim Family Scholarship program at Princeton University which has provided scholarships to students since it was established in 2006. Paul was a devoted husband to Ricarda and an adoring father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His intellect, curiosity, and kind spirit touched so many, and he will be dearly missed. He is survived by his three children, Melinda Jawadekar, Pete Didisheim, and Andrea Didisheim; sons-in-law, Mak Jawadekar and Evan Yassky; daughter-in-law Leslie Hunt; six grandchildren, Emily Jawadekar, Neal Jawadekar (wife Kerri Jawadekar), Matthew Didisheim, Evan Didisheim, Isaac Yassky, and Leah Yassky; and two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Liam Jawadekar. Donations can be made to Friends Meeting of Washington, DC and The Cleveland and Woodley Park Village. A memorial will be held later this year.

EUDY

RICHARD THOMAS EUDY II
Richard Thomas Eudy II passed away suddenly on July 3, 2023 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Valerie S. Eudy, a daughter LCDR Claire S. Eudy, his mother Joanne Davis, his brother Brandt Eudy, and other extended family. He was predeceased by his father Richard T. Eudy and his sister Sharon E. Neufeld.

Rick was born in Alexandria, VA on September 27, 1955. He graduated from St. Stephens School in 1973 and received a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering (PE) from Virginia Tech in 1978. Rick enjoyed a long career until his retirement three years ago.

Rick always loved trains and was a member of the National Capital Trackers for over 25 years. He was an automotive enthusiast and participated in several Rally North America events across the United States in one of his beloved Mustangs. An involved member of Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Rick served as an acolyte, Junior Warden, member of the vestry and held various other roles during his 60 years of stewardship.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Rick's name to Grace Episcopal Church or the Inova Health Foundation.

MOORE

RUSSELL THURSTON MOORE
Russ Moore, Emmy award winning former senior White House producer for NBC News, died after a long illness September 3 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, VA. He was 82.
Moore, who spent nearly 20 of his 40 years at NBC News on the White House beat, covered the administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.
Working with correspondents such as Judy Woodruff, Andrea Mitchell and Chris Wallace, Moore traveled the United States and the world. He oversaw White House coverage of the shooting of Ronald Reagan, the Reagan-Gorbachev summits in Geneva and Iceland, Operation Desert Storm, the Monica Lewinsky scandal, the Clinton impeachment, the September 11 attacks, and the war in Iraq.
In 1961, Moore joined NBC News in Washington in as a motorcycle courier, racing film back from the White House and other sites to be processed in time for the evening news. Soon he was winning awards as a film and tape editor in Washington.
For a few years, Moore worked out of the NBC News Atlanta bureau as a field producer where he covered the Sadat-Begin peace negotiations in Egypt and Israel that led to the signing of the Camp David Accords with President Jimmy Carter.
While covering the war in El Salvador, he was badly injured when his jeep tumbled down a cliff. Moore went to Poland to cover the shipyard strikes under Lech Walesa. He also covered Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign.
In 1979, Moore moved back to Washington and later became the NBC News producer covering Walter Mondale's unsuccessful bid for president. Then he was named senior White House producer for NBC News.
"Russ always had this uncanny knack for knowing where the president might show up unexpectedly," said one of his NBC News colleagues. "He'd position a camera where no one else did, and NBC would get exclusive footage time and again."
Russell Thurston Moore was born to George Sidney Moore and Peggy Aurelia Thurston on August 11, 1941, in Detroit, MI. He grew up in Detroit, Charlottesville, VA, and Washington, DC.
In 1988, Moore married NBC News colleague Kristin Jessup, a writer-producer at the TODAY Show in Washington. Moore retired from NBC News in 2001.
Moore is survived by his devoted wife Kristin; daughter Donna Moore-Watson (Kenneth Watson) of Tampa, FL, and Hilo, HI; son Dale Russell Moore (Alexis Lewissohn) of West Palm Beach, FL, and daughter Mariah Alexandra Jessup Moore (Sascha Poeschl) of Berlin, Germany; as well as four grandchildren, Isabella and Charles Lewissohn-Moore, and Julian and Francis Moore Poeschl.
A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Committee to Protect Journalists, POB 2675, New York, NY 10108.
www.murphyfuneralhomes.com

WEBSTER

ANN KILPATRICK WEBSTER
Ann Kilpatrick Webster, known from a very young age as Tuttie, was born in Washington, DC on April 11, 1930 to Howard Cecil Kilpatrick and Bessie Smith Kilpatrick, both from Alabama. Along with her brothers Cecil and Thom she grew up at Mackall Hill in Georgetown. She attended District of Columbia public schools and the Madeira School and graduated from Sweet Briar College. She married George Drury Webster in 1952. With him she restored the home and gardens at his family farm in Hawkins County, Tennessee. After working in an architect's office, Tuttie taught in the Montgomery County school system and then at the Potomac School. In addition to many years of Bible study classes she completed the Education For Ministry program. She was a Sunday School teacher for her children and then, in time, her grandchildren. A devoted gardener, in middle age she earned a Master Gardener degree from the University of the District of Columbia. A woman of strong Christian faith, she was a long-time parishioner and dedicated volunteer at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, MD. Tuttie volunteered for many organizations and causes, including the Florence Crittenden Home, the Beauvoir School library, Friendship Terrace, and All Hallows Guild (the garden guild of the Washington National Cathedral). In a favorite volunteer assignment, Tuttie worked in the Ambulatory Surgery Center of Sibley Hospital for 12 years, ending her career at the age of 90 when the coronavirus pandemic began. She was a faithful friend to many, and treasured several lifelong friendships. Tuttie died at home on August 29, 2023 after a brief illness. Tuttie's husband George predeceased her in 1996. She is survived by her beloved sister in law, Ann Marie Kilpatrick Terry of Mobile, Alabama; by her three children: Aen Walker Webster, George Drury Webster III (Elizabeth Latta), and Hugh Kilpatrick Webster (K. deLancey Joyce); by eight grandchildren: Sarah Webster Ellis, deLancey (Webster) Lewis, Walker Smith Webster, Katherine Floyd-Jones Webster, George Kilpatrick Webster, Helen Sherman Webster, George Drury Webster IV, and Hugh Walker Webster; and by many other loving relatives and friends.
A memorial service will be held at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland on a date to be announced later.

DEATH NOTICE

RODGERS

LILYAN BLACKISTONE BAILEY RODGERS "Lee"
November 11, 1931 – August 31, 2023
Lee graduated from St. Mary's College at St. Mary's City, MD. She had numerous positions over the years including the Travelers Insurance Companies in DC, New York City and Norfolk VA, on the Hill for Congressman Hays and Senator Bennett, Jon Wickwire Esq, of Wickwire, Peterson & Gavin, and finally with the CIA in Langley, VA. On retirement she and her husband, Jim Rodgers built a lovely home "Cedarwood" on 20 acres in King George, VA. Later moving to Leisure World in Silver Spring, MD where they lived for 25 years walking dogs, playing Duplicate Bridge and hosting many family holiday dinners. Lee was an active member of DAR.
She is survived by daughters Jenny Bailey of Cave Creek, AZ and Betsy Bailey of Albuquerque, NM, where Lee spent her last years, her younger sister Jeanne Cain of Bluffton, SC, and her twin brothers, Dick Blackistone of Gambrills, MD and Mick Blackistone of Tracy's Landing, MD. Jim and Lee will be interred in the family cemetery at All Saints Episcopal Church in Oakley, MD at a later date.

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5" - $700

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Black & White
1"- $185 (text only)
2" - $390 (text only)
3" - $560
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5" - $765

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5" - $855

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Color
3" - $685
4" - $785
5" - $955

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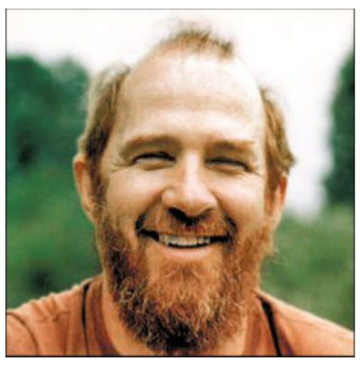

ROBERT KILMER
1939 - 2023
Of Manassas, Virginia passed away on September 6, 2023. Robert Kilmer was born October 3, 1939, in Tucson, Arizona, to his parents, mother Roberta Daniels Kilmer and father Christopher Kilmer. His native instinct and his talent led him to a life in literature and writing that extended family tradition. His grandfather, Joyce Kilmer, after refusing an officer's commission, was killed in heroic action in World War 1. Before his death, Joyce was a loved and admired poet. His most famous poem was "Trees."

The family moved from Tucson to Oxford, North Carolina, then to Greenwich Village, and finally to Stillwater, New Jersey, where they lived with a friend of his grandmother, the poet Aline Kilmer, until they found a house by what had been a slaughterhouse. His father, a minor poet, named their street "RoadApple Avenue."

Robert's mother Bert did a wonderful job encouraging his imagination and introducing him to a lifetime of loving literature. After a weak performance in high school he went on to enlist in the U. S. Army. He served in Germany for three and a half years.

After Robert's tour in Germany, he enrolled in Louisiana State University. There he learned to love Cajun music and Cajun food. He graduated with a BA in English.

At graduation he earned a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and was accepted at The University of Chicago. There, he earned his Master's degree and PhD, awarded "with honors." His dissertation was on John Barth.

Robert's first teaching job was at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee. After four years there he was refused tenure because of his lack of publications and too good a job of teaching. His chairman said he was refused tenure because of his lack of publication. When he asked what was said of his teaching, the chairman said there was one student complaint that "When we ask Dr. Kilmer questions, sometimes he tells us to find out for ourselves. Now a few professors said that was good, but others …."

From Vanderbilt, unemployed, he moved to Arlington, Virginia to live with his sweetheart, Marion MacLean. Eventually they married and bought a house, "Little Eden," in Fairfax County. He worked the 1-1/4 acre lot to become a productive garden, including 250 asparagus plants. He and Marion lived there until their divorce in 1991.

He joined the faculty of Northern Virginia Community College to help open the Woodbridge campus. He retired after 35 years, as Professor Emeritus in the English Department. In addition to his regular teaching assignments, he had helped start the Honors Program on that campus, working with bright, dedicated students. Robert was a member of the Northern Virginia Writing Project, following Marion into that distinguished fellowship.

In 1991 he answered an ISO (In Search Of) ad in the Washingtonian magazine, meeting Claudia Costello. They married in May of 1993, and he moved to Manassas, joining Claudia, her daughter Sara Costello, and the three cats. His very first project was to start a new asparagus bed in the back yard.

Robert was an avid home-brewer, making over 350 five-gallon batches of ales and stouts. Once the new commercial brewers started making excellent beers he gave up brewing and explored their offerings, finding them as good as his. He was also an excellent cook, serving wonderful dishes to family and friends.

He was able to renew his garden efforts in Manassas, and went on to found The Garden Basket, a community-supported agriculture business. For six years he and Claudia provided vegetables to ten customers for six months a year.

Robert also took up foraging for wild mushrooms, joining the Mycological Association of Washington. He served as its secretary for several years.

Robert is survived by his wife Claudia, her daughter Sara Costello; his sisters Ann Buskirk (Dennis), Margaret Kilmer (Sharon Haug), and Elizabeth "Sam" Strain (JJ); niece Laine Strain (David); sister-in-law Jenny Mizelle (Don); nephew Alex Carr (Anna), and a host of Kilmer cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Christopher "Kip" and Bert Kilmer, and niece Diana Strain.

A private memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Condolences may be sent to
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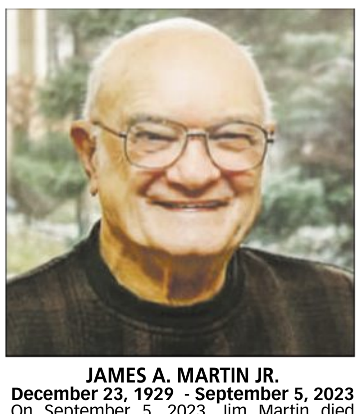

JAMES A. MARTIN JR.
December 23, 1929 - September 5, 2023
On September 5, 2023, Jim Martin died peacefully at his long-time home in Rockville with his wife and other family members at his side. A family man with seven children and nine grandchildren, Jim was a career nuclear physicist and an active member of his community.

A thoughtful man of few words, Jim had dozens of trademarked sayings demonstrating his wisdom and humor. First among these was "happy days," his all-purpose greeting emblematic of his life outlook.

At age 90, Jim published a book on graphical logarithms as well as a YouTube video on the International Date Line. In 1994, he obtained a patent on digestion of solid radioactive particles. Over the years, Jim contributed multiple letters to the editor published in the Washington Post.

Jim is survived by his wife Mary of 64 years and their children Eileen Rising (Greer), Joseph Martin (Christie), Thomas Martin (Allene), Andrew Martin, Teresa Wallace, Jeanne Lay (Stephen) and Marian Van Pelt (Derek) along with nine grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. He was beloved Uncle Jim to many nieces and nephews and their families.

A visitation will be held on September 15 between 4 and 7 pm at Pumphrey's Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. The funeral Mass will be on September 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville. Interment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Rockville.

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Humid with lots of clouds

Any fog dissipates quickly. Partly cloudy conditions rule the day. We may see some increase in cloud cover later in the day as a chance of a couple of showers or storms arises. Highs are in the mid-80s to near 90. With humidity up there — dew points nearing 70 — it feels more like the 90s from about noon through the afternoon. Winds blow out of the south around 5 to 10 mph.

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
T-storm	T-storms	T-storm	T-storm	Showers, humid	T-storm
87° 71°	81° 67°	83° 68°	86° 69°	82° 62°	80° 60°
FEELS*: **92°**	FEELS: **85°**	FEELS: **86°**	FEELS: **88°**	FEELS: **82°**	FEELS: **81°**
CHNCE PRECIP: **65%**	P: **95%**	P: **40%**	P: **40%**	P: **90%**	P: **60%**
WIND: **ESE 6–12 mph**	W: **S 6–12 mph**	W: **SW 4–8 mph**	W: **NW 6–12 mph**	W: **WSW 6–12 mph**	W: **NW 7–14 mph**
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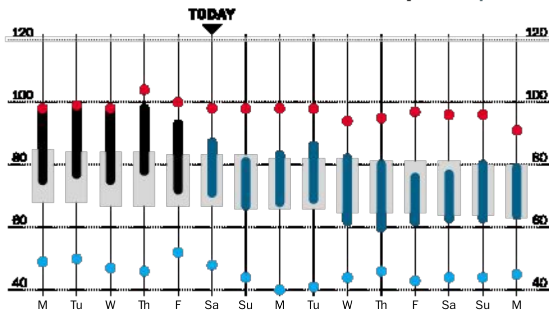

Statistics through 5 p.m. Friday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**93°** 3:50 p.m.	**94°** 3:21 p.m.	**93°** 2:46 p.m.
Low	**72°** 6:11 a.m.	**68°** 5:00 a.m.	**71°** 7:00 a.m.
Normal	83°/67°	82°/61°	82°/62°
Record high	100° 1939	96° 2016	100° 1939
Record low	52° 1988	43° 1984	46° 1962

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **+6.3°** yr. to date: **+2.0°**

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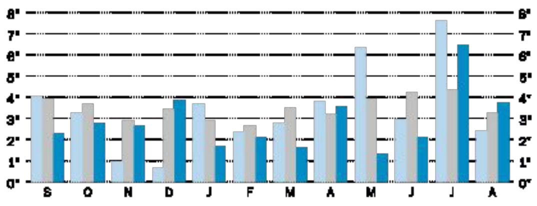

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	Trace	0.04"	0.03"
Total this month	Trace	0.04"	0.03"
Normal	1.02"	0.97"	1.11"
Total this year	22.49"	19.26"	24.93"
Normal	28.93"	30.19"	30.89"

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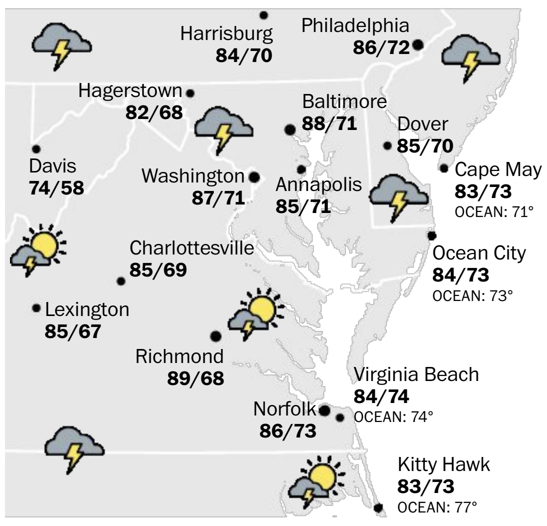


Pollen: High

Grass	Low
Trees	Moderate
Weeds	High
Mold	High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
3 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, showers, a heavier thunderstorm this afternoon; there can be ponding on streets and highways. High 68 to 72. Winds south-southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, showers, a heavier thunderstorm; there can be ponding on streets and highways.

Atlantic beaches: Today, mostly cloudy, humid. A stray thunderstorm; any time in the south, during the afternoon elsewhere. High 82 to 86. Winds south 7–14 mph. Tonight, humid, a thunderstorm around. Low 71 to 75. Winds south 6–12 mph.

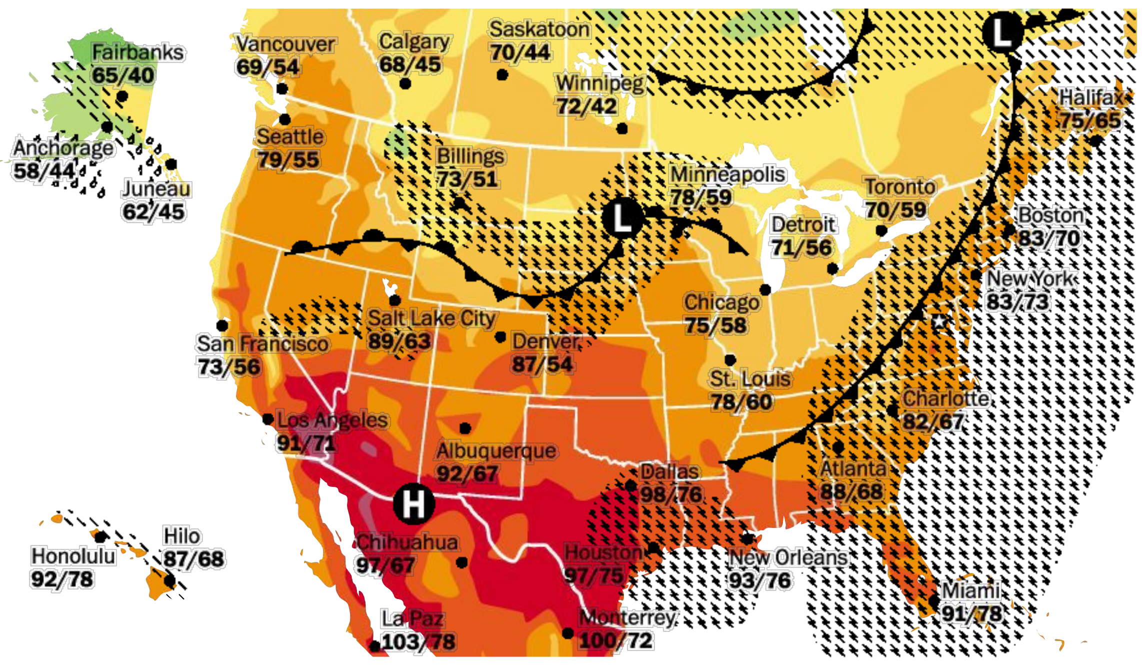
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly cloudy, a shower, thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind south 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly cloudy, a shower, thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind south 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.50 feet today, with no change of 2.50 Sunday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**4:27 a.m.**	11:44 a.m.	**5:10 p.m.**	11:36 p.m.
Annapolis	**2:17 a.m.**	8:44 a.m.	**1:27 p.m.**	7:47 p.m.
Ocean City	**3:56 a.m.**	9:55 a.m.	**4:40 p.m.**	11:24 p.m.
Norfolk	12:20 a.m.	**6:09 a.m.**	12:02 p.m.	**6:45 p.m.**
Point Lookout	5:09 a.m.	**9:45 a.m.**	3:44 p.m.	**10:58 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Vernon, TX **112°**
Low: Angel Fire, NM **26°**
for the 48 contiguous states

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High: Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia **117°**
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NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	80/65/t	76/68/t
Albuquerque	92/67/s	93/66/pc
Anchorage	58/44/r	59/43/c
Atlanta	88/68/t	83/69/t
Austin	106/72/pc	101/74/t
Baltimore	88/71/t	84/67/t
Billings, MT	73/51/t	68/49/t
Birmingham	88/67/s	86/68/s
Bismarck, ND	72/51/c	71/47/pc
Boise	89/58/s	88/59/s
Boston	83/70/t	78/68/t
Buffalo	75/61/c	68/60/c
Burlington, VT	74/62/c	72/64/t
Charleston, SC	83/72/t	84/72/t
Charleston, WV	77/64/pc	77/63/t
Charlotte	82/67/t	81/65/t
Cheyenne, WY	77/49/pc	61/48/t
Chicago	75/58/pc	78/62/pc
Cincinnati	77/62/pc	79/60/pc
Cleveland	73/63/pc	72/62/pc
Dallas	98/76/t	97/75/s
Denver	87/54/s	72/52/t
Des Moines	83/61/s	77/58/pc
Detroit	71/56/pc	72/57/pc
El Paso	102/75/s	100/76/s
Fairbanks, AK	65/40/pc	60/46/pc
Fargo, ND	72/49/t	73/46/s
Hartford, CT	83/69/t	81/66/t
Honolulu	92/78/sh	92/79/pc
Houston	97/75/t	98/74/t
Indianapolis	75/59/pc	79/59/s
Jackson, MS	93/63/pc	90/63/s
Jacksonville, FL	88/70/t	89/69/t
Kansas City, MO	84/60/s	85/62/pc
Las Vegas	103/80/s	100/80/pc
Little Rock	89/62/s	89/65/s
Los Angeles	91/71/s	86/68/pc
Louisville	80/67/pc	83/64/s
Memphis	84/65/s	84/66/s
Miami	91/78/pc	92/78/t
Milwaukee	72/57/pc	75/63/pc
Minneapolis	78/59/s	73/54/c
Nashville	83/66/s	82/64/t
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New York City	83/73/t	80/69/t
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Orlando	91/75/t	94/76/pc
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Phoenix	113/86/s	113/89/s
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Syracuse	76/66/t	72/64/t
Tampa	90/77/t	91/77/t
Wichita	93/62/s	91/63/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
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Athens	82/70/s	82/69/s
Auckland	64/51/s	64/55/sh
Baghdad	109/80/pc	109/81/pc
Bangkok	95/82/t	93/83/t
Beijing	74/67/r	82/68/c
Berlin	87/56/pc	87/60/s
Bogota	70/51/r	72/49/sh
Brussels	88/66/s	88/65/pc
Buenos Aires	65/55/c	67/60/pc
Cairo	94/82/s	94/82/s
Caracas	82/66/t	82/65/t
Copenhagen	75/60/pc	75/57/pc
Dakar	93/80/pc	93/78/pc
Dublin	76/58/sh	69/58/c
Edinburgh	76/57/pc	71/60/c
Frankfurt	87/62/s	87/59/s
Geneva	88/62/s	89/61/s
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Shanghai	91/68/pc	92/72/pc
Singapore	88/79/sh	88/80/t
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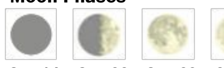

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Moon	1:11 a.m.	5:01 p.m.
Venus	4:09 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Mars	8:32 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Jupiter	9:55 p.m.	11:43 a.m.
Saturn	6:55 p.m.	5:41 a.m.

Colleges worry about covid uptick

AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The University of Maryland reminded its 40,000 students of the school's coronavirus protocols and encouraged students to wear masks and get up-to-date on vaccinations. The school also noted that its health center is offering free rapid tests for students.

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to the 40,000-student campus of covid protocols. Among other things, he pointed out that "masks are a significant defense against the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses" and that the health center offered rapid tests to those who need them.

Much has changed since the coronavirus pandemic menaced the world and shuttered campuses in early 2020. The pandemic disrupted the next two school years and even posed some challenges during the most recent one. But authorities declared the public health emergency over this past spring. Viral testing mandates are a thing of the past. Few in higher education envision another sudden pivot to mask mandates or all-remote classes.

Yet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that covid-related hospitalizations and deaths nationwide were trending upward in late August. And evidence of campus infections is emerging.

On Sept. 1, Georgetown University advised its 21,000-student community of an increase in covid cases that appeared "consistent with local and national trends."

Catholic University, with about 5,000 students, said a small number, as many as 15, have reported testing positive. There are similar reports at 12,900-student Howard University. "We are seeing cases," said Hugh E. Mighty, the university's senior vice president for health affairs. "Everybody's seeing cases. The whole country's seeing cases."

At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which has about 57,000 students, wastewater monitoring has shown a rising number of infections.

"We do know there is a significant amount of covid going around on campus and off campus as well," said Awais Vaid, director of the university's student health center. But Vaid said hospitals in the campus area have not experienced a corresponding surge in covid patients, indicating that the threat to the university, for now, appears somewhat modest.

Three years ago the public flagship university in Illinois launched aggressive measures, including a massive saliva-based viral testing initiative, to track and contain infections. Now, covid vaccination requirements have ended, and the school's case-tracking public dashboard has shut down. Coronavirus testing and masks are voluntary. Vaid said the university has distributed about 5,000 rapid testing kits free to students, faculty and staff since the semester began.

Some students who are infected go home to isolate, he said. Some stay in single-bed dormitory rooms. Those with roommates can stay in their rooms but wear masks, he said, as much as possible.

On the Illinois campus and others around the country, covid fears have receded but not vanished. "It's not completely faded out of memory," Vaid said. "People are still concerned."

So are campus health experts.

"We too have been hearing about covid cases in the community," said Claudia Trevor-Wright, director of a covid vaccination and mitigation project for the American College Health Association. "It's much more challenging this year without the extensive surveillance that was happening on the federal level to assess whether that's consistent with past years, where we are. We're in a different boat when it comes to surveillance and understanding what is happening."

The association surveyed colleges recently and found that 18 percent plan to require some or all of their students to be vaccinated against covid. Eleven percent said they would offer free isolation housing to residential students who are infected, according to the association, and 38 percent said they planned to have infected students stay in rooms with roommates.

Debates have flared recently over masking policies in public elementary and secondary schools in some communities. But that does not appear yet to be the case at the college level. In general, there appears to be little appetite for tighter public health controls on campuses.

"Most people think that covid is in the rearview mirror," said Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity Washington University. "And of course that's a mistake."

McGuire said the 1,850-student university has not noticed significant numbers of cases this semester. But she said she would not be surprised if there is an uptick. The university still requires students to be vaccinated against covid. "We have not been as strict or vigorous about the booster shots," McGuire said.

At Howard, Mighty said the university is watching whether covid cases require medical treatment or hospitalization. So far the signs are encouraging. "We have not seen an uptick in severity," he said. He said the university has enough beds to isolate infected students.

Many universities are dealing with covid much as they do seasonal illnesses, including the flu, that ebb and flow on campuses. At George Mason University, with about 40,000 students in Northern Virginia, most pandemic-specific measures have ended.

Asked for an update on covid this fall, a GMU spokeswoman wrote: "As of now, we are operating with standard health and wellness support through the student health office, and testing for any/all respiratory illnesses as needed with associated recommendations."

George Washington University, which has about 26,000 students in the District and Northern Virginia, is taking a similar approach. It has ended coronavirus testing, contact tracing and related measures. It "strongly recommends" but no longer requires covid vaccination. The university said it "will continue to monitor federal and local guidance, research and data, and the incidence of COVID-19 on our campuses to best support the health and safety of our community."

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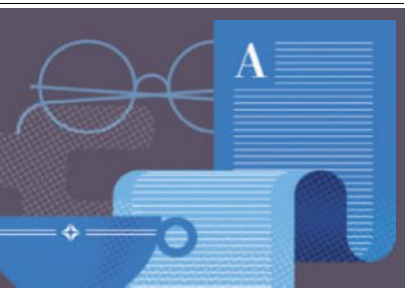

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A forgotten fashion designer gets her due

Ann Lowe, who designed Jacqueline Kennedy's wedding dress, is the subject of a museum exhibition

FROM LEFT: A reproduction of Jacqueline Kennedy's wedding gown. Fashion designer Ann Lowe with model Judith Palmer in an undated photo. A bright coral pink countess gown made in 1961 for Nebraska's Aksarben Ball.

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN

Wedding dresses have a way of fixing themselves in the American mind. Carolyn Bessette's dress for her wedding to John F. Kennedy Jr. cemented minimalism as the ultimate '90s fashion statement, and even the cupcake frock worn by Princess Diana — perhaps the most American of British royals — made the world's biggest democracy fall in love with a monarchical fairy tale.

But even within the fashion world, the story behind the dress Jacqueline Bouvier wore to wed John F. Kennedy in 1953 is strangely unknown. The designer of the dress — simple and feminine, with charming pinwheels of white silk — went uncredited at the time. In 1961, a reporter for the Ladies' Home Journal profiling the first lady described her wedding gown in glowing detail, but referred to its maker as "a colored woman dress maker, not the haute couture."

The dress — as well as Jacqueline Kennedy's bridesmaids' — was made by a Black designer, Ann Lowe. Born in rural Alabama in the late 19th century, she was taught the skills of dressmaking by her mother and grandmother. From the 1920s through the early 1960s, Lowe was the go-to designer for weddings and debutante balls for American blue bloods, including Marjorie Merriweather Post and actress Olivia de Havilland, as well as Kennedy and her mother and extended family.

Lowe's work is striking for its exterior purity — clean lines and ingenious embellishments — and its internally complex construction. And for her biography, as a Black designer who was integral to the construction of America's particular conception of glamour and power, before financial struggles and the loss of her eyesight saw her retire from fashion in the early 1970s. She died in 1981.

"She really had this very unique style," said Elizabeth Way, an associate curator of costume design at New York's Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology. "It was elegant. It was very feminine. It was really *her* style."

Now, Lowe is the subject of a new exhibition at the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, that will put her name back into the firmament of American fashion and design history. Winterthur, a museum that focuses on

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BOOK WORLD

Memoir finds hilarity in the hair-raising

BY ZACK RUSKIN

The comedian Maria Bamford has always been willing to get uncomfortable while probing the deepest recesses of her psyche in search of laughs. Whether taping and performing one of her specials in her parents' living room or spending two seasons playing a warped version of herself on Netflix's "Lady Dynamite," she has a capacity for crafting candid punchlines forged in the fires of her own mental crises. Never simply joking at her own expense, she instead makes comic radical honesty part of her process of healing and recovery.

Bamford draws on those strengths once again in her debut memoir, "Sure, I'll Join Your Cult." She takes readers on a dizzying tour of the many, many 12-step programs she's joined over the years. Across three sections and over the course of 23 chapters, Bamford, 53, narrates her life story by chronicling her membership in the "cults" of family, fame and mental

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A Memoir of Mental Illness and the Quest to Belong Anywhere
By Maria Bamford
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MUSIC REVIEW

JOSH SISK FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A cool night with Arctic Monkeys

Arctic Monkeys frontman Alex Turner and drummer Matt Helders perform at Thursday's show.

BY SOPHIA SOLANO

The massive mirrorball didn't descend from the ceiling — where it waited unlit atop an art deco stage design with all the anticipation of New Year's Eve — until halfway through the set. It was at the start of a rambunctious rendition of "505" that it finally lit up in a shower of starry dots, reflecting and disseminating the Arctic Monkeys' vision of all that rock could and should be in this millennium.

The seminal British band has long been on the front lines of preserving what's left of the rock scene, fragmented by streaming and buoyed by dad-rock nostalgia culture. Its sudden ascension to godlike stature in the early aughts, helmed by ever-cool frontman Alex Turner, cemented that role. It's no surprise, then, that the 2007 paean to youthful agitation was the song chosen for this climactic moment, garnering the loudest crowd roar of the evening.

SEE **MUSIC REVIEW** ON **C4**

THEATER REVIEW

The audience steps up to the plate

BY PETER MARKS

Arriving at the designated time and place, I pressed the doorbell and was let into a basement apartment in Cleveland Park by a slight, genial fellow named Brian Feldman. He welcomed me into his humble digs, gave me a pair of rubber gloves and a fresh sponge, and led me to the sink.

Whereupon I washed his dishes.

Needless to say, "Dishwasher 2: I Pay You" was unique in my theatergoing experience. It was immersive, for sure, but only up to my elbows. The water in his bathroom sink was plentiful and warm, the dinnerware — bowls, spoons, cups, strainer (the man has an appetite) — suitably soiled. And, boy, did I take the assignment seriously. With gusto I squeezed that eco-friendly dishwashing liquid onto Feldman's food-spattered kitchen ware (even though his apartment lacks a kitchen — more about that in a minute). And like in the commercials, I made those dishes sparkle.

Okay, if you're a reasonably cultured human, you're asking yourself: Why? Fair enough. Feldman's entryway into theater is hyper-intimate spectacle, the type that fringe festivals favor; in one of his myriad previous shows (stunts?), he hugged his father for 24 hours straight. In a time when many people are still renegotiating the terms of social interaction, an exercise such as this tests one's

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Uniquely American designs

ANN LOWE FROM **C1**

American antiques located just outside Wilmington, Del., was uniquely poised to bring Lowe's work back to life.

"Winterthur really has the conservation lab to handle all of the restoration work that had to be done on these dresses," said Way, who was brought in as guest curator of the exhibition. Way and the museum's curatorial team assembled the biggest-ever collection of Lowe's work, from private collectors and descendants of the garments' original owners as well as more than a dozen museums, and will return them to their owners and institutions with state-of-the-art repairs that make them available again for display.

Fashion exhibitions are unique in their ability to shift public perceptions, perhaps because they so naturally ask a visitor to imagine themselves in the objects on display. Winterthur's director and CEO Chris Strand, said that this was the museum's fifth such show, including one on the costumes of "Downton Abbey" in 2014 and another on the clothes of "The Crown," and that they often rank among the institution's most-attended. But Strand said this show is probably their most ambitious fashion effort, putting the museum and its curatorial team on the map for its scholarship and preservation methods, including the development of a dress form that makes displaying delicate garments much safer.

It is also, as Strand put it, an example of the museum "using objects to tell stories" — specifically, a declarative story about the meaning of American fashion, which to this day remains a slippery concept mired in the cheap desires of fast fashion and a sense that our creativity always seems to live in Europe's shadow.

But this was not always the case, and it is stunning that a designer like Lowe was overlooked given how central she was to constructing American fashion ideas. Today, fashion houses are under pressure to pay more attention to Black designers, stylists and celebrities, and to speak more directly to Black consumers.

Both consumers and fashion houses readily admit that not enough progress has been made. Decades before this conversation began, the very aesthetics of American prestige were the work of a Black designer's vision. In other words, the history of overlooking fashion talent that is outside the stereotype of the White male loner auteur is even heavier than we might believe.

Lowe was well aware of her talent. She "knew what the public wanted fashion designers to look like," Way said. "And she spoke to that with her aesthetics."

She made her own clothes — sadly, none are included in the exhibition — and paired them with elegant hats. Many photographs of Lowe show her, in her suit and hat, carefully pinning a dress on a client, echoing similar portraits of Coco Chanel and Christian Dior. She also covered the couture shows in Paris during the artform's golden age, the 1940s, for the Black newspaper the New York Age. She was well-versed in the style that would re-emerge during that period as Dior's wasp-waisted "New Look," putting her clothes in fluid conversation with the output of Paris.

Way insists that Lowe should be considered on the level of a couturier. It's rare that Americans warrant such a distinction, which indicates a specialized form of dressmaking done primarily by hand, with rare materials. In fact, it was another Black designer, the Mississippi-born Patrick Kelly, who was the first American and first Black designer to be admitted into the Chambre Syndicale that protects the status of couture like the Comité Interprofessionnel du vin de Champagne protects champagne. Charles James, who made extraordinarily strange garments for a similar clientele to Lowe's during the mid-20th century, might also come to mind, and of course Oscar de la Renta, who designed for myriad first ladies and worked for a time as the creative director of Paris couture house Balmain.

What is ultimately fascinating about Lowe's designs — in addition to the story of the woman behind them — is their very Americanness. They are glamorous, to be sure, but they share a triumphant sense of pragmatism, even in their embellishments. Vines of flowers twine over shoulders and across bodices with a naturalistic grace; pale peach ostrich feathers are manipulated into delicate wisps cinched with small grosgrain bows.

Even the way she applied sequins, in careful and crisp patterns, speaks to the intelligence of her taste. One of the most interesting dresses in the show is a more casual one — a red floral dress, the back of which is open with a line of individually cut out red flowers from the print carefully strung together. Her instinct to use the decorative as constructive is fantastically original.

Also on display is a copy of Kennedy's wedding dress, which was painstakingly re-created by a University of Delaware professor, Katya Roelse, and three students. (The dress will be donated to the John F. Kennedy Library after the exhibition closes on Jan. 7.) A video shows how the dress was constructed, a process that helped reveal Lowe's unusual level of skill.

For Way, Lowe's ability to build her dresses was her most remarkable talent. "She builds her dress in layers from the inside out," she said. "We're able to identify unlabeled Ann Lowe's because of the very specific way she built her bodices, [which are] very highly structured in the way she places her waist, tapes, the boning, the elastics. Her clients would say that you don't need any undergarments — you step in, it fits perfectly."

Way hopes the show will help put Lowe in her proper place in the American design landscape. "When we think about the history of American design, I want her to be a big name that people mention. I also want people to understand that even though the story of American fashion is ready-to-wear, we do have this beautiful couture tradition that was rivaling what was happening in Paris," she said. "She inspired untold amounts of people in the fashion choices they made."

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One display at the Winterthur Museum exhibition includes one of Ann Lowe's most interesting designs, a red floral dress, at left, the back of which is open with a line of individually cut out red flowers from the print carefully strung together.

A portal into mind of Bamford

BOOK WORLD FROM **C1**

health care. She details the Dale Carnegie training course she attended with her father as a sophomore in high school, her diligent crusade to have a napping tent installed on the set of her television series and how becoming the star of a viral set of Target commercials pushed her sanity to the brink.

Some of her misadventures — among them, being committed to a psych ward and accidentally killing a beloved pug — feel like anything but laughing matters. But it's a testament to Bamford that she's able to fill these pages with stories that are relatable and consistently hilarious, even when they're harrowing. Throughout, she rejects the appeal of tidy solutions, instead embracing messy self-acceptance.

Take her description of Overeaters Anonymous as a live-action role-playing game, for example: "There are no dice, but there are plenty of plastic poker chips for lengths of abstinence." Or consider the recipes that close each chapter ("Psych Ward Graham Crackers") and her inclusion of a month's worth of her own financial details in appeasement of her obligations to Debtors Anonymous.

Even when discussing a subject as dark as suicide, Bamford finds a bridge to empathetic levity by encouraging those in crisis to call anyone they possibly can, be it the front desk of the Hilton Pasadena (she helpfully includes the phone number) or, brilliantly, an anti-abortion facility. "See if they're pro-life for your life," Bamford writes. "All of their literature says, 'Life is a gift.' Have someone who answers their phone prove it to you."

Bamford also comically plays with visual style and narrative: Passages that she deems "creepy" are winkingly rendered in bolded Comic Sans font (which she refers to as the "trigger font"), and a recycling bin icon pops up to denote previously performed material. She also makes occasional, amusing use of footnotes, including a lengthy justification for a joke at the expense of her dead mother and a comprehensive list of every psych med Bamford believes she's ever tried.

This material, and the quirks of its presentation, make the memoir feel like a 270-some-page portal directly into Bamford's mind. That notion would probably be terrifying to Bamford, who worries frequently on the page that she may be coming across as a massive narcissist. But there's an authenticity to her words that elevates them into something beyond the category of comedy memoir. That's true whether she's offering up her personal email address with explicit encouragement to write her with any complaints (something she does repeatedly) or diligently noting all her editors' concerns as they arise.

Bamford has created a work destined to shine much-needed light on mental illness. Illuminating those serious moments with humor is her true triumph.

If you or someone you know needs help, visit *988lifeline.org* or call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

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With inheritance comes resentment from friends

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: I recently inherited some money, enough to allow me to quit my job and buy a new car. Nothing flashy, just a nice, reliable vehicle. I'm now focused on doing some creative work that I've long wanted to do.

Some of my friends are jealous. Most of them don't say anything about it to me directly, though one or two of them occasionally make snarky comments: "Well, if you can afford that kind of thing, fine." I think in one case it has caused enough resentment that the friendship is not going to survive.

I try not to be obnoxious about it. I listen to my friends complain about their jobs and their bosses, I'm sympathetic. I try to share my good fortune when I can, such as by inviting my friends to stay with me at a vacation rental and so on.

Am I doing something wrong? What can I do to keep people from being resentful that I no longer must work?

— Heir

NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Heir: My answer will cost you $25,000.

:)

Just do the non-obnoxious things you're already doing. I'm happy for you, and I'm sorry some of your friends are being small about your largesse. Keep being the best friend you can, and hope they eventually get over themselves.

Re: Heir: This question hit a nerve, because I'm in the middle of the end of a friendship of my own due to my jealousy over her money situation. I don't know how to not be this way. Yes, I realize money can't buy happiness or good health, but I also know all the reasons that's just a platitude and, in fact, having access to basic resources DOES promote both happiness and health.

There is also the fact that my friend readily makes moral judgments without considering the role of finances — e.g., I work for an evil for-profit company, so I might be a bad person, even though I have rent to pay and she doesn't. I don't want this to be happening to our friendship, but it is. Is there a way to avoid it if I ever find myself close to someone with a lot of money again?

— The Money-Jealous Friend

The Money-Jealous Friend: No, because this isn't about money. I thought it was going to be from the way you started, but then you got to the truth, and it was about something else: a friend who is killing your friendship with her smug, obtuse, judgy pronouncements. That problem can be money-*adjacent*, but it's not a money problem per se.

So, to avoid this problem in the future, choose people with some humility and social sense. Sometimes it's too late; we acquire people long before we see all their true colors. But at least we can try for character and hope for the best.

Re: Heir: Being a real friend means doing what's within your power to keep the air clear between you, which may entail, "Does it feel like I'm gloating about my situation?" or, "You've made similar comments a few times. What's goin' on? How is my situation impacting you?"

— Anonymous

Anonymous: Good point, thanks. Also useful: "Is there something you want to say?"

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SHOW NAME		DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
THEATRE						
GALA	**BAÑO DE LUNA** by Nilo Cruz	Thru Oct 1 Thurs - Sat at 8 pm Sun at 2 pm	A priest and parishoner are caught betweeh their faith and desires. A tantalizing drama exploring passion, moral conflict & sacrifices.	**GALA Theatre 3333 14th Street NW 202-234-7174 www.galatheatre.org**	$25 - $48	In Spanish with English surtitles
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TELEVISION

WEEKEND TV HIGHLIGHTS

EMMANUEL GUIMIER/AMC

The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon (Multiple networks at 9 on Sunday) After leaving the Commonwealth, fan favorite Daryl Dixon (Norman Reedus) finds himself in France, confronting autocratic politics and endangering a young boy at the core of a religious movement.

SATURDAY
MOVIE

Fourth Down and Love (Hallmark at 8) Romance blooms between a single mom and a professional football player who reunite at her daughter's flag football game.

SUNDAY

Professor T (PBS at 8) The murder of a prominent couple feels uncannily similar to another murder that occurred 15 years prior.

Big Brother (CBS at 8:30) The head of household must nominate two houseguests for possible eviction.

Unforgotten on Masterpiece (PBS at 9) The team works to identify a body found in a chimney flue while the cause of death is determined by forensics.

Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty (HBO at 9) The Lakers win another championship, but after dealing with humiliating defeats they must regroup.

The Chi (Showtime at 9) Victor faces rising pressure; Emmett makes Douda an offer; Papa tries his father's patience.

Survive the Raft (Discovery at 9:04) The most recent departure has the participants questioning everything; the group makes a pact to stay together until the end but a new swap comes aboard that puts their alliance to the test.

The Real Housewives of New York City (Bravo at 9:15) While in Anguilla, Jenna continues to open up and Sai is shockingly vulnerable.

Van der Valk on Masterpiece (PBS at 10) Van der Valk and the team are plunged into the world of drug smuggling as they continue to investigate.

MOVIES

Ratatouille (Freeform at 6:50) The heartwarming (or terrifying, if you don't like rats mingling with food) animated story of a Parisian rat (voiced by Patton Oswalt) who longs to be a great chef.

Lust, Lies, & Polygamy (Lifetime at 8) A newlywed discovers a web of lies infiltrating her marriage when a stranger is caught hanging around her house.

RETURNING

The Chosen (CW at 8) Season 2.

The Masked Singer (Fox at 8) Season 10.

Ride With Norman Reedus (AMC at 10:28) Season 6.

— *Olivia McCormack*

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4.2 WRC (IND)	Monk		Columbo			Columbo			Las Vegas	
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **College Football** Oregon at Texas Tech (Live)							♦ **College Football** Stanford at USC (Live)		
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Studio**	♦ **College Football** Wisconsin at Washington State (Live)							♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ Ravens
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **Postgame**	♦ **College Football** UCLA at San Diego State (Live)							♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ **Players**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ Vecinos	♦ Vecinos	♦ **República** (Live)		♦ **Fútbol**	♦ **Fútbol masculino** México vs. Australia (Live)				
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ Family Feud	♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ Command..	♦ Mod Fam	♦ Mod Fam	♦ Movie: Planet 51 ★★ (2009)			
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Rick Steves Art of Europe		♦ Peek-CIAA	♦ Morgan Lacrosse		♦ Black	♦ Celebrity Trip		♦ Wild Scandinavia	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ Frank Lloyd		♦ Benjamin Franklin				♦ Boynton House		♦ Frank Lloyd	
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50.1 WDCW (CW)	(6:30) ♦ **College Football** Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (Live)						♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Two Men
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AMC	Movie: Escape Plan ★★ (2013)					Movie: Escape Plan 2: Hades (2018)				Movie
Animal Planet	The Zoo		The Zoo		The Zoo		The Zoo		The Zoo	
BET	(5:30) Movie: Next Friday		Movie: Friday After Next ★ (2002)					Movie: Coming to America ★★★ (1988)		
Bravo	(5:30) Below..	Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
CNN	**CNN Newsroom**		CNN Special Report				Whole Story With Anderson		CNN Special Report	
Comedy Central	Movie: Step Brothers ★★ (2008)				Movie: Tag ★★ (2018) (P)				Movie: Step Brothers ★★	
Discovery	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
Disney	Kiff	Kiff	Movie: Ratatouille ★★★ (2007)				Hailey	Big City	Big City	Big City
E!	Movie: Mr. Deeds ★ (2002)				Movie: The Other Woman ★★ (2014)					Movie
ESPN	**College Football** Texas at Alabama (Live)						**Scoreboard**	**Football** Auburn at California (Live)		
ESPN2	**College Football** Field Pass with The Pat McAfee Show: Texas at Alabama (Live)						**Football Scoreboard** (Live)		ESPN Films	
Food Network	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
Fox News	**Weekend** (Live)		One Nation		**Lawrence Jones** (Live)		FOX News Saturday Night		Gutfeld!	
Freeform	(:15) Movie: Toy Story 2 ★★★★ (1999)				(:20) Movie: Toy Story 3 ★★★ (2010)					Movie
FX	(5:00) Movie: Iron Man 3		Movie: Captain Marvel ★★ (2019)					Movie: The Wolverine ★★ (2013)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Snowkissed		Movie: Fourth Down and Love (2023) (P)				Movie: It Was Always You (2021)			
Hallmark M&M	Picture Perfect Mysteries				Picture Perfect Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(5:55) Movie: Ronin ★★		Movie: XXX ★★ (2002) (P)				(:05) Movie: XXX: State of the Union (P)			(:50) Winning
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MASN	Wall to Wall Baseball		2023	Sports Stars	**Fight Sports WCK**		Fight Sports Presents: MMA			Bensinger
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MTV	Movie	Movie: The Hangover ★★★ (2009)					Movie: The Hangover Part II ★★ (2011) (P)			
Nat'l Geographic	(6:00) Inside 9/11: War		Inside 9/11: Zero Hour				Bin Laden's Hard Drive		National Geographic	
NBC SportsNet WA	(6:00) **College Football** Monmouth at Towson (Live)				Beltway	Outdoor	The Immo	Washington	Beltway	Beltway
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NWSN	**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		**NewsNation Prime** (Live)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	
PARMT	(6:30) Movie: Men in Black ★★★ (1997)				Movie: Men in Black II ★★ (2002)				Movie: Men in Black 3 ★★	
Syfy	Movie: Red 2 ★★ (2013)					Movie: Ghostbusters ★★★ (1984)				Movie
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TLC	(6:00) My 600-Lb. Life		**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**				**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**		**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**	
TNT	(5:30) **Friendl..**	**Postgame**	**All Elite Wrestling: Collision** (Live)				Movie: The Matrix Resurrections ★★ (2021)			
Travel	Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Louvre		Mysteries at the Holy Land		Mysteries at the Museum	
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USA Network	(6:00) Movie: Expendables		(:15) Movie: The Expendables 2 ★★ (2012)					Movie: The Expendables 3 ★★ (2014)		
VH1	(6:30) Movie: Coming to America ★★★ (1988)				Movie: Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★ (1993)					Movie
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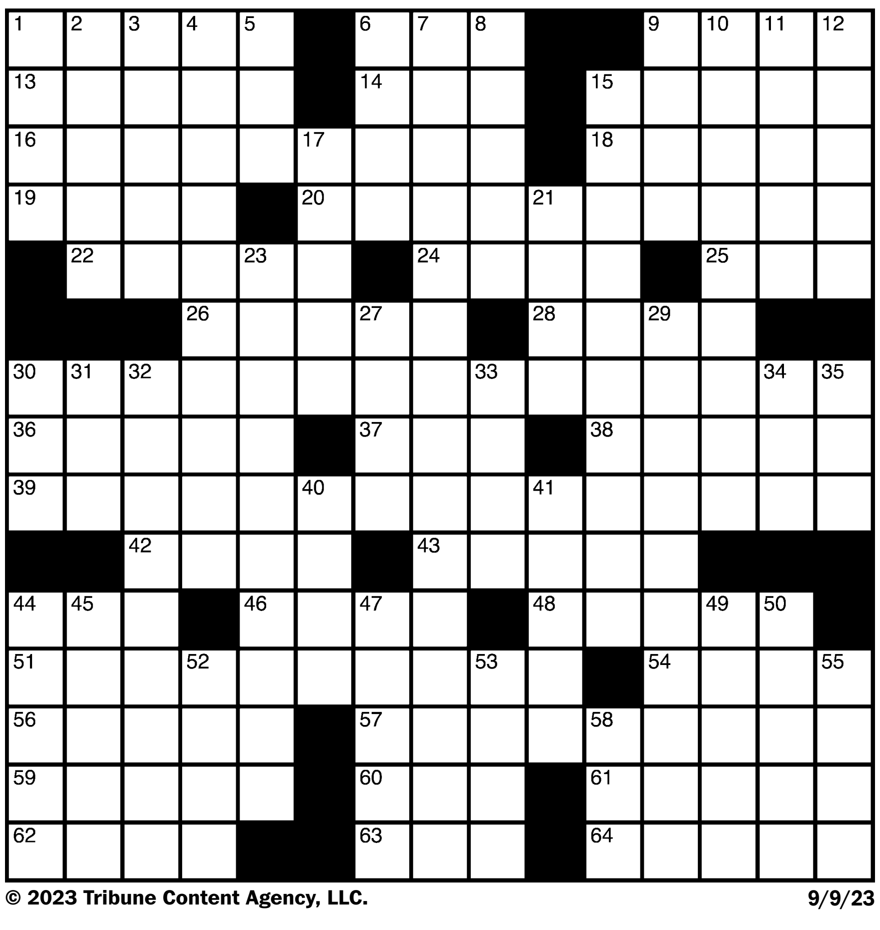
By David Karp



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Artist provides a submersive experience

THEATER REVIEW FROM **C1**

desire for connection. And compels you to reflect on the satisfaction of a simple act of charity.

As its title implies, "Dishwasher 2: I Pay You" (by the way, there's no hugging and the payment was a poster) isn't Feldman's first foray into ceramic hygiene performance art. In the seminal original, "Dishwasher," it was Feldman who did the housework, visiting ticket holders in their D.C. homes, washing the plates and saucers and then performing a short monologue of their choosing. As a finale, the hosts decided whether he was better at acting or washing.

Now, in "Dishwasher 2," the dinner table has been turned (though his apartment, the size of an ample walk-in closet, wouldn't accommodate one). The single paying customer does all the heavy lifting, washing and then reading a scene, and Feldman himself judges your cleaning-vs.-emoting skills. (I'll leave the verdict in my case under seal.)

You either enjoy this brand of artificial collaboration or you don't: One-to-one theater puts you on the spot, forces you to measure your own comfort level with a stranger, someone who's setting the rules of engagement. The humdrum activity supplies the plot; the dialogue, you might say, is up to you and Feldman. Doing someone's dishes — once — turns out to be a useful icebreaker and, in this particular case, an insight into how someone eking out a living as an artist, well, lives.

As Feldman explained, the advantage of the kitchen-less studio apartment, which he's rented for several years, is that it allows him to reside in a neighborhood that would otherwise be unaffordable. He pays, he said, about $1,200 a month for the spartan flat, which has leafy views and a pristine bathroom. But without a kitchen, he cooks on a hot plate and washes in the bathroom, an arrangement that seems less than ideal, especially as the dish-drying rack is on the toilet seat.

I was reminded as I set about the task that there are many people who might not consider this an intellectual lark, because they are overburdened by daily, mundane chores or do in fact get paid to perform this drudgery by an employer. The things that pop into your head while scouring a pot!

"Hey," Feldman said to a photographer as I finished up and pulled off the gloves. "He's even wiping down the sink. I don't think anyone's done that before!"

What can I say? I strive for a good review.

SAMANTHA TADELMAN

Theater critic Peter Marks washes the dishes in performance artist Brian Feldman's studio apartment in Cleveland Park, which lacks a kitchen, as Feldman watches from inside his shower.

Dishwasher 2: I Pay You, conceived and directed by Brian Feldman. About 50 minutes. Through Sept. 29 in Feldman's apartment in Cleveland Park. *wapo.st/Dishwasher2*.

‘The Car’ takes a back seat at concert

MUSIC REVIEW FROM **C1**

You’d never know from the set list that this tour was in support of the Monkeys’ lavishly orchestrated seventh album “The Car,” which divided fans after its October release. Only three of the EP’s tracks rang from a sold-out Merriweather Post Pavilion stage on Thursday, including the transcendental, otherworldly and aptly named single “There’d Better Be a Mirrorball.”

The band is seemingly constrained by its demanding and adoring fan base. Its performance felt, at times, more like an anniversary show for 2013’s “AM,” with semi-faithful reproductions of hits like “Arabella” and “Why’d You Only Call Me When You’re High.” Turner has a penchant for singing just a snap behind the beat, seemingly an inside joke with himself that prevents fans from singing along, and earning more than a few moments of internet virality. Turner’s older tracks were overrepresented despite the lustrous, sometimes psychedelic newer evolution of the band’s discography, but it’s his older repertoire that highlights his ironic theatrics.

Perhaps a decade or more of anthemic ragers has granted Turner a license to lean into the effortless swagger that punctuates his showmanship. During “Teddy Picker,” he literally conducted impeccable drummer Matt Helders’ fiery solo and backup vocals before turning to the audience with arms raised as if he were delivering a histrionic Shakespearean monologue. In “Snap Out of It,” he glared at the floor with hands on either side of his luxuriant shag. He at least waited until the encore finished to slide on his black aviators.

Fans of “Fluorescent Adolescent” made clear their gratitude for its return to the stage — up until Turner augmented its final chords with an ad-libbed “You rascal, you.” Otherwise, besides a curt hello after deafening, frenzied opener “Brianstorm,” and a gracious goodbye after pre-encore closer “R U Mine?,” Turner’s crowd interactions were notably scarce. He and the rest of the band — Helders, Nick O’Malley (bass) and Jamie Cook (keyboards, guitar) — seemed content to let the spitfire Sheffield-inflected lyrics speak for themselves over a hurricane of pounding melodies.

The evening closed with a reminder that “Car” deserved a bit more time in the driver’s seat. “Body Paint” began with a soft piano opening, expanding past Turner’s luscious falsetto to envelop the venue in an extended outro that was slow yet powerful. The set design shifted from retro white geometrics to multicolored dancing lights — a moment that proved these new songs can shine on their own.

JOSH SISK FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Arctic Monkeys instrumentalist Jamie Cook performs at Merriweather Post Pavilion on Thursday.

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:40-3:40-6:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 4:25-8:30-9:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15
Strays (R) CC: 10:10
Elemental (PG) CC: 2:55
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Bottoms (R) CC: 1:00-5:40-8:00-10:25
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The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00
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Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
The Equalizer 3 (R) 7:15
Barbie (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:15-4:45-9:40
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Avalon Theatre
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807 V Street Northwest
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555 11th Street Northwest
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L'immensità 12:45-7:35
Theater Camp (PG-13) 1:30-3:45-7:35-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-2:15-4:30-7:15-9:25
Bottoms (R) 12:15-2:45-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-9:15-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:45
Bottoms (R) 1:25

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
Barbie (PG-13) 10:50-4:35-7:20-10:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:40-6:05
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:10-12:15-1:55-3:00-4:50-6:20-7:30-9:00-9:10-10:10
Jawan (Hindi) 12:20-4:20-8:20
The Nun II (R) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:25-7:15-9:50
Bottoms (R) 11:20-1:20-2:10-4:10-4:40-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 11:40-3:40-7:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 3:10
The Nun II (R) 11:00-11:30-12:00-12:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:35-5:30-6:00-6:30-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30
Barbie (PG-13) OC: 1:40
The Nun II (R) OC: 5:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Vertigo (1958) (PG) 6:45
Enter the Dragon (1973) (R) 1:45-9:20
Unforgiven (R) 4:00
The Dark Knight (PG-13) OC: 10:45AM
Oppenheimer (R) 3:50-7:30
Desperate Souls, Dark City and the Legend of Midnight Cowboy 4:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30
Midnight Cowboy (R) 7:10
Golda (PG-13) 1:45
Oldboy (R) 9:30

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 10:20-1:20-4:00-6:50-9:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 10:00-1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 10:40-1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 10:10-1:00-6:40-9:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:30-4:40-7:20-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 10:50-4:15-7:15-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:00
The Nun II (R) 1:30

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 10:20-2:20-6:20-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 10:50-12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Strays (R) CC: 10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:15-4:10-7:10-10:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 10:00-11:00-12:00-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:00-8:00-9:45-10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 10:10-12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50
Bottoms (R) CC: 1:50-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:30
Retribution (R) CC: 10:00AM

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 10:40-1:50-4:30-7:15-10:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 10:15-1:10-4:20-7:20-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 10:00-1:00-4:00-6:50-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 10:30-1:20-4:10-6:40-9:40
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:15-2:00-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 10:50-1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:25
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:20-3:50-6:25
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 2:00-6:00-9:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:00-12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 10:00
Elemental (PG) CC: 12:50
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:20-6:25-9:35
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 12:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:25-7:00-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:05-4:45-7:05-9:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:50-3:30-4:30-6:10-7:10-8:50-9:50
The Nun II (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:50
Bottoms (R) OC: 2:25

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 4:40
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:20-10:15
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:00-8:00
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:30-4:30-8:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
Strays (R) CC: 12:45-5:45-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:15-2:15-4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45-9:30-10:30
Elemental (PG) CC: 11:30AM
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:45-6:30-10:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-11:00
Talk to Me (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 11:15-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
Retribution (R) CC: 3:15-8:15
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 1:45-7:15
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 7:40-10:45
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 11:00AM
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) CC: 12:30-5:30-10:30
No More Bets 4:15-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-6:30-9:00-9:30; 3:30; 12:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:20-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:15-1:45-7:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:45-6:45-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-3:30-4:45-6:15-7:30-9:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 11:30-2:45-6:00-9:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:15-12:15-2:00-3:00-5:45-8:30-10:15
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Barbie (PG-13) 2:20-7:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:15AM
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem 3D (PG) 5:15-10:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Strays (R) CC: 3:00-5:25-10:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 12:10-7:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:45-1:30-4:15-6:00-7:00-8:45-9:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:40-6:15-8:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Talk to Me (R) CC: 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Retribution (R) CC: 3:30
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 12:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:15-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 9:55
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:10-4:00-7:45-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Strays (R) CC: 4:45-7:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:20-1:30-4:10-7:00-9:45
Elemental (PG) CC: 3:15-5:45
Jawan (Hindi) 1:00-3:00-6:45-10:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:25-3:30-6:45-9:50
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-1:30-4:15-5:30-7:00-8:15-9:45-11:00
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) CC: 11:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:45
The Hill (PG) CC: 5:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:05-2:30-5:05-7:30-10:05
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 4:45-8:30
The Good Mother (R) 8:00-10:25
No More Bets 1:45-7:25
The Nun II (R) OC: 2:45

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:40-1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) 10:25-2:25-6:30-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:15-1:20-4:25-7:30-10:45
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:20-11:00-11:25-1:45-2:10-4:30-4:55-5:20-7:15-7:40-8:05-10:00-10:25-10:50
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 11:10-3:00-6:50-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:00-1:15-4:35-7:45-10:55
The Nun II (R) 10:05-11:40-12:10-12:55-2:30-3:00-3:45-5:20-5:50-6:35-8:10-8:40-9:25-11:00; 10:35-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55; 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25; 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 3:05
Talk to Me (R) 2:50-5:25-8:00-10:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:30-11:50-1:00-2:50-3:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30-10:30
Bottoms (R) 2:45-5:15-7:55-10:35
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 11:15-6:15
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:25-2:00-4:35-7:10-9:45
Strays (R) 10:00-4:20-11:00
Elemental (PG) 12:00
Jawan (Hindi) 10:50-2:40-6:30-10:20
Jawan (Telugu) 2:20-10:00
Jawan (Tamil) 10:30-6:10
The Nun II (R) XD: 10:35-1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 12:35-7:15
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 10:10AM
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 10:00
Pinkfong Sing-Along Movie 3: Catch the Gingerbread Man 10:15-12:25
Saptha Sagaradaache Ello (Sapta Sagaradaache Ello) Side A 2:00

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Barbie (PG-13) 11:20-2:40-5:40-7:40
Oppenheimer (R) 10:20-1:40-8:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:00-1:40-4:45-8:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:00-12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:40-3:40-6:20-9:40
The Nun II (R) 10:40-1:20-2:20-4:20-5:20-7:20-8:20-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:20

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-1:45-3:30-4:15-6:30-7:15-9:15-10:00
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-8:00
Oppenheimer (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-9:00
Linoleum 4:20-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 2:00-4:50-7:30-9:45
L'immensità 1:50-6:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:30-1:50-4:10-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 10:15-1:00-3:40-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:30-1:10-4:35-7:20
Linoleum 4:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 4:00
L'immensità 1:45-7:15
The Nun II (R) 11:15-1:40-4:25-7:40
The Hill (PG) 10:40-1:20-7:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:00-12:45-1:45-3:00-5:15-6:50-7:30
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 10:20-4:05

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 5:00-7:30
The Adults (R) 5:15-7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:05-2:35-5:15-8:00-10:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 2:05-4:30-6:55
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:20
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 11:35-5:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:15-2:45-3:00-5:15-7:45-8:30-10:25
The Nun II (R) 12:05-2:40-5:05-7:35-9:30-10:05

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 11:05-2:00-4:50-7:45-10:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:50-3:40
Mastaney (Punjabi) 11:25-3:00-6:35-10:00
Oppenheimer (R) 12:15-4:20-8:25
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:40-2:50-5:40-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-11:50-1:45-2:40-4:25-5:30-6:25-7:20-8:20-9:20
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:45-6:30-10:15
Jawan (Telugu) 12:00-8:00
Jawan (Tamil) 4:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:20-2:30-9:00
The Nun II (R) 11:15-12:10-1:40-2:10-3:05-4:35-5:05-6:00-7:30-8:00-8:55-10:30
Talk to Me (R) 9:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-12:50-1:50-4:30-6:10-7:10-8:50-9:50
Bottoms (R) 11:00-1:35-4:10-6:15-10:00
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:05-7:00-9:55
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:35-2:20-5:10-7:50-10:30
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 12:20-3:15-6:15
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 10:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:30

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 3:40-6:30-9:40
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 5:30-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-4:40-9:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:25-2:10-5:00-8:00-10:50
Jawan (Hindi) 1:00-5:10-8:50
Jawan (Telugu) 11:40-7:00-10:40
Jawan (Tamil) 3:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:20
The Nun II (R) 12:10-1:30-3:00-4:10-6:00-9:00-10:30
Kushi (Telugu) 12:50-4:30-8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:30-4:50-7:30-10:20
Bottoms (R) 11:20-1:50-4:20-7:20-10:10
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 1:40-5:40-9:20
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 2:00

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:25-6:20-9:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:30-3:10-5:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:50-5:00-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:15-3:20-6:40-9:50
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 7:10-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:10-2:20-3:50-5:20-6:30-8:00-9:20
Elemental (PG) 1:30-4:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:20-3:40-10:00
The Nun II (R) 12:05-1:20-3:05-4:10-6:15-7:00-9:30-10:10
Talk to Me (R) 8:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:10-1:00-2:40-5:10-6:00-7:40-8:50-10:10
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:30

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1:00-3:40-6:20
Oppenheimer (R) 12:10-4:20-8:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:35-2:50-6:10-9:15
Strays (R) 9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:10-11:50-12:45-1:50-3:00-3:50-4:40-5:45-6:40-7:30-8:30-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-6:50-10:10
The Nun II (R) 11:20-12:20-2:10-3:10-5:00-6:00-7:45-8:45-9:50-10:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:15-10:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:40-3:10-5:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:50-2:40-5:50-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:30-7:00-8:10-10:00-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:20
The Nun II (R) 11:30-1:20-2:10-4:00-5:00-7:50-9:40-10:30
Golda (PG-13) 1:40-4:10-6:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:50
Bottoms (R) 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:20
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
No More Bets 12:10-3:00-6:00-9:10

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 12:20-3:50-6:50-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-4:10-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:30-3:30-6:40-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:40-12:40-2:40-3:40-5:50-6:20-7:20-8:50-9:20-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-9:45
The Nun II (R) 11:20-12:10-2:10-3:00-5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00
The Hill (PG) 11:00-2:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-3:20-4:30-6:10-7:10-8:50-9:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-10:00
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Oppenheimer (R) 2:20-6:15-9:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:20-3:20-6:30-10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:25-12:00-1:30-2:50-4:20-5:50-7:15-8:45-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:00-4:30-7:45-10:50
The Nun II (R) 12:10-3:00-6:00-9:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:30-1:50-6:45-9:20
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-9:50
Barbie (PG-13) 11:15-2:00-4:40-7:30-10:20
The Nun II (R) 11:20-2:10-5:00-8:00-10:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:10

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 10:00-12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-1:45-4:25-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:10-1:10-4:05-7:10-10:10
Strays (R) 9:15
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:20-11:00-11:40-12:20-1:00-1:40-2:20-3:00-3:40-4:20-5:00-5:40-6:20-7:00-7:40-8:20-9:00-9:40-10:20
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Nun II (R) 10:40-11:20-12:05-1:20-2:00-2:40-3:50-4:40-5:20-6:40-7:20-8:00-9:20-10:00-10:40
Talk to Me (R) 11:55-2:55-5:15-7:35-10:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:50-2:10-4:30-6:50-9:10

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 11:45-3:00-6:15-9:30
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 11:30-2:00-6:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:30-2:30-6:00-10:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:00-2:15-6:30-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) (!) 11:15-12:15-3:45-4:45-7:00-8:00-10:15-11:00
The Nun II (R) (!) 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) (!) 11:00-3:15-6:00-9:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:10-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:25
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:45-2:00-4:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:20-3:00-6:50-9:40
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-7:00-8:00-9:45-10:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:40-2:50-5:10-7:30-10:40
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:15-2:35-5:00-7:20-9:50

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 12:00-1:00-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:00
The Nun II (R) OC: 3:15; 12:30-6:00-9:05
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 2:00
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 6:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:00-10:00
Strays (R) CC: 3:30-10:00
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 12:15-10:15
Elemental (PG) CC: 11:45AM
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 2:30
Oppenheimer: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 12:00
Golda (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:30
Talk to Me (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Hill (PG) CC: 12:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:30-4:30-7:00-9:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Retribution (R) CC: 1:00
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 4:00-6:45-9:30
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 1:00-4:45-8:30
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 8:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:15
The Good Mother (R) 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 10:00
No More Bets 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Star Trek (PG-13) CC: 6:20
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 11:00-12:15-3:15-6:15-9:15
Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) CC: 3:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:15-3:50-6:45-10:15
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:00-2:45-6:20-9:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 11:45-1:15-3:00-4:15-6:00-7:15-9:00-10:20
Strays (R) CC: 7:10-9:40
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 11:20-3:10-6:10-9:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:15-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
Elemental (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30
Jawan (Hindi) 11:30-2:15-6:00-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) CC: 12:00-10:30
Talk to Me (R) CC: 5:45-8:10
The Hill (PG) CC: 2:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) CC: 12:40-9:20
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 5:30-8:45
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 2:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:15AM
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:00-4:10-7:00-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:40-2:20-5:10-8:00-10:40
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 12:10-2:50-6:40-9:50
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:05
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:30

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:50
The Nun II (R) OC: 5:05
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 12:30-6:35-10:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:45
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 11:40-3:20-7:00-10:40
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 10:15
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:05-9:10
Strays (R) CC: 2:35
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) CC: 3:40-9:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 11:20-2:05-4:45-5:50-7:25-8:45-10:05
Elemental (PG) CC: 12:50
Jawan (Hindi) 1:15-5:00-8:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:20
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:45-2:25-4:55-7:30-10:00
Bottoms (R) CC: 12:05-4:05-7:55-10:25
Retribution (R) CC: 3:30
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) 12:15-4:15-8:15
The Incredibles (2004) Disney100 (PG) 5:10
No More Bets 12:40-6:40
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:25AM
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:35-2:20-7:50-10:35

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 5:00-7:45
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Oppenheimer (R) CC: 3:00-6:45
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 3:45-8:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 4:15-7:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 3:00-5:15-7:00-8:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:00-6:30
Bottoms (R) CC: 5:30-7:30

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 11:00AM
Barbie (PG-13) 11:30-3:20-7:20-10:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:45AM
Oppenheimer (R) 10:45-3:10-6:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-2:00-2:45-5:00-8:00-10:25
Jawan (Hindi) 11:15-3:30-6:40-9:15
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:45-5:45
The Nun II (R) 12:00-12:25-3:45-7:00-8:15-10:05
My Animal (R) 10:40
Bottoms (R) 10:30-1:15-4:00-5:30-7:40-10:40
CatVideoFest 2023 10:15-1:00-3:00
The Nun II (R) 6:00-9:15

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Barbie (PG-13) 10:25-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Oppenheimer (R) 11:35-3:15-7:05-9:30
Jawan (Hindi) 10:35-2:10-5:40-9:20
Ernest and Celestine: A Trip to Gibberitia 10:05AM
The Nun II (R) 11:40-2:15-4:55-7:30-10:00
Golda (PG-13) 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:45
Bottoms (R) 10:15-1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:15-10:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:00-12:15-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:15

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 11:20-2:55-6:30-10:05
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:00-3:30-6:10-8:45
Oppenheimer (R) 11:10-3:00-6:45-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-7:25-10:25
Meg 2: The Trench (PG-13) 11:45-2:30-5:15-10:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:15-12:10-1:50-2:45-4:40-5:40-7:15-8:20-10:00
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:50-4:00-7:50-10:30
The Nun II (R) 11:30-12:30-1:00-1:40-2:10-3:10-3:40-4:20-4:50-5:50-6:20-7:00-7:30-8:30-9:35-10:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:30; 11:35-2:00-7:10-9:45
The Good Mother (R) 8:00

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Barbie (PG-13) 9:45-12:05-2:35-7:15-9:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 9:50-12:15-2:45-7:40-9:55
The Miracle Club (PG-13) 6:15
Golda (PG-13) 9:50-12:10-2:30-7:30-9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:05-12:25-2:20-7:10-9:10
Bottoms (R) 10:00-12:20-2:25-7:20-9:20
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 12:00-9:45
Jules (PG-13) 9:55-2:40-8:00
Barbie (PG-13) 4:55
The Equalizer 3 (R) 5:05
The Miracle Club (PG-13) 4:30
Golda (PG-13) 5:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 4:35
Bottoms (R) 4:45

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
Jawan (Hindi) 9:10-1:00-4:50-8:40
Jawan (Telugu) 12:50-8:20
Jawan (Tamil) 9:05-4:35
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 7:50
Pinkfong Sing-Along Movie 3: Catch the Gingerbread Man 10:00-12:15
Barbie (PG-13) 10:20-1:10-4:00-6:50-10:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 9:45-11:55-2:35-5:00
Oppenheimer (R) 12:25-4:25-8:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 9:25-12:30-3:35-6:40-9:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:40
The Nun II (R) 9:30-11:00-12:20-1:50-3:10-4:40-6:00-7:30-8:50-10:20
Talk to Me (R) 9:20-2:25-5:15-7:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 9:00-11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 9:35-12:45-3:55-7:10
Talk to Me (R) 10:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:10-12:55-3:45-6:30-9:20

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
Barbie (PG-13) OC: 4:10
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 1:05-10:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:00-12:40
Oppenheimer (R) OC: 2:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) OC: 4:20
Oppenheimer (R) 10:00-6:00-10:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) OC: 4:15
Jawan (Hindi) 2:00-5:50-9:40
Jawan (Tamil) 10:10AM
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) OC: 4:55
The Nun II (R) XD: 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:25
Kushi (Telugu) 2:10-9:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:35-1:45-8:10
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 3:00
Bottoms (R) OC: 3:05
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 10:25-5:55
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 10:00
Barbie (PG-13) 10:30-1:20-7:05-9:55
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:10-1:15-7:25-10:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 10:20-10:40-1:25-4:45-7:00-7:30-9:45
Jawan (Hindi) XD: 10:50-2:40-6:30-10:20
The Nun II (R) OC: 3:55
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 10:00-12:30-5:30-8:00-10:30
Bottoms (R) 10:05-12:35-5:35-8:05-10:35
The Nun II (R) 10:15-1:05-3:20-6:10-6:45-9:35

Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 9:30-10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:00-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-4:10-7:20-10:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 3:40-6:30
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:20-8:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:40-3:10-6:20-9:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-9:10-10:10
Elemental (PG) 12:30
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:50-6:40-9:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:00-3:30-6:50-10:00
The Nun II (R) 11:20-12:10-1:10-2:20-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:50-10:20-10:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-4:30-7:10-9:40
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:50

Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
Barbie (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:15-1:40-4:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:00-3:55-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:30-4:45-6:45-7:45-10:20
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:45-6:15-9:50
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30
The Nun II (R) 1:15-3:00-4:05-6:00-7:00-9:00-10:00
Talk to Me (R) 9:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:45
The Nun II (R) OC: 12:15

Regal Fairfax Towne Center
4110 West Ox Road
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:20
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:30-2:10-4:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:10-8:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:10-3:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:40
Jawan (Hindi) 11:10-2:50-6:30-10:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:30
The Nun II (R) 1:10-4:00-6:10-7:00-9:10-10:00
Haunted Mansion (PG-13) 7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:20-1:50-7:10-9:40
Bottoms (R) 11:40-2:00-4:40-7:20-9:50
Mar3y El Breemo 2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) OC: 4:30

Regal Fox & IMAX
22875 Brambleton Plaza
Barbie (PG-13) 11:50-3:30-6:35-9:40
Mastaney (Punjabi) 11:40-3:05-6:45-10:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:30AM
Jailer (Tamil) 10:45-2:45-6:30-10:20
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:55-4:00-7:00-10:00
Jawan (Hindi) 11:20-3:15-7:05-9:30
Jawan (Telugu) 12:15-8:05
Jawan (Tamil) 4:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 10:20
The Nun II (R) 12:00-3:00-6:00-9:00
Gadar 2 (Hindi) 2:30-6:10-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 1:15-5:30-9:30
Bottoms (R) 10:30-1:30-4:40
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 12:30-4:15-5:45-8:30-10:35
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
Jawan: The IMAX 2D Experience 10:15-2:15-6:15-10:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 12:45-3:55
The Nun II (R) 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-10:40

Regal Kingstowne & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:20
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 11:50AM
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-12:25-2:50
Oppenheimer (R) 12:05-3:50-7:35
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:00-4:55-7:50-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:20-2:15-3:15-4:50-5:50-8:35
Elemental (PG) 12:40
Jawan (Hindi) 12:00-3:30
Jawan (Telugu) 11:00-6:00-9:30
Jawan (Tamil) 2:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:15
The Nun II (R) 7:05-9:55
Kushi (Telugu) 11:05-2:40-6:10-9:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 5:15-8:40
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:40-2:05-4:35-7:00-9:25
UFC 293: Adesanya vs. Strickland 8:30
Jawan (Hindi) 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Nun II (R) 12:10-3:05-6:05-9:00; 11:15-2:10-3:20-5:05-5:55-8:00-8:30-10:35

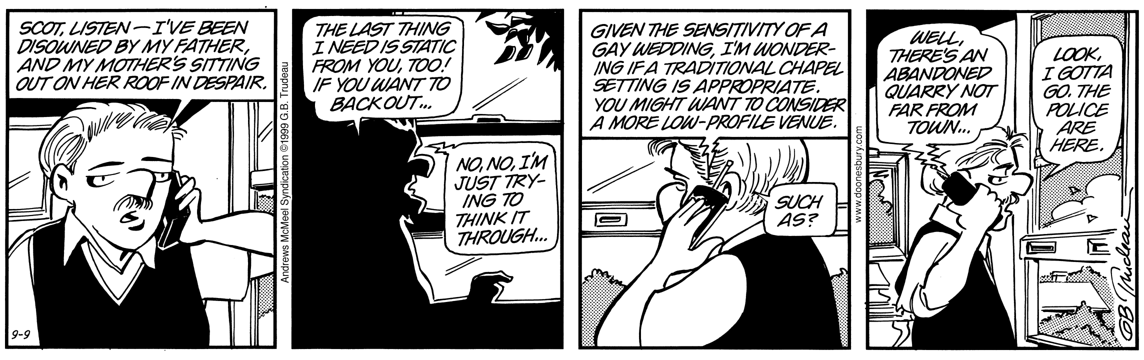
Regal Manassas & IMAX
11380 Bulloch Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:20-3:30-6:20-10:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:40-2:20
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani 3:40-7:55
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 5:30-10:25
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Jawan (Hindi) 11:00-2:50-6:40-9:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:15-2:30
The Nun II (R) 12:10-3:00-5:00-6:00-9:00
Kushi (Telugu) 5:40-9:20
The Hill (PG) 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50
Bottoms (R) 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:40
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 11:20-3:10-6:50-8:50
The Nun II: The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 1:10-4:00-7:00-10:00
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (PG-13) 11:50-2:40
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) 12:00
The Nun II (R) 8:00

Regal Springfield Town Center
6859 Springfield Mall
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20-4:10-8:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:20-2:50-6:20-9:50
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-12:40-1:20-3:00-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:30-10:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 11:40-3:20-6:25-9:30
The Nun II (R) 11:00-1:10-1:40-4:00-4:30-7:00-7:30-10:00-10:30
Talk to Me (R) 10:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:40-7:10-9:40
Bottoms (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30

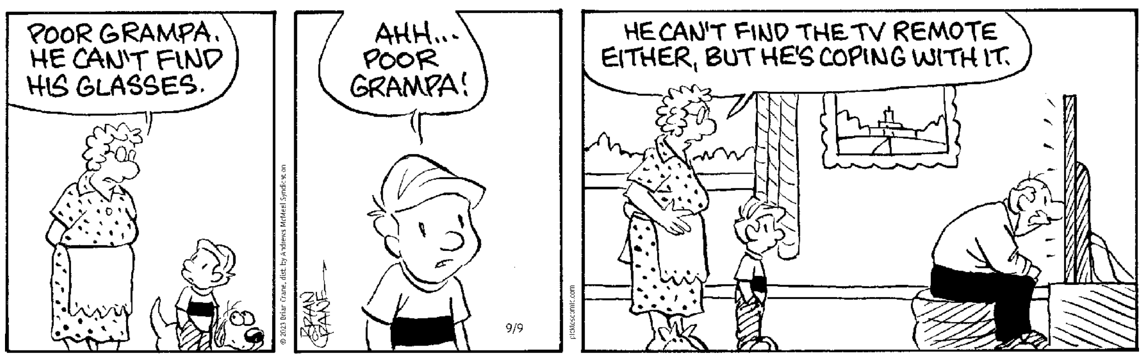
Regal Virginia Gateway & RPX
8001 Gateway Promenade Place
Barbie (PG-13) 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:20-2:30-6:10-9:10
Oppenheimer (R) 11:00-3:00-6:20-10:20
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 10:55-1:50-4:45-7:50-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:40-2:20-3:20-5:00-10:50
Elemental (PG) 12:00
Jawan (Hindi) 11:20-3:10-7:00-10:40
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 6:00-9:20
The Nun II (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Hill (PG) 2:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:10-1:50-4:40-7:10-9:50
Bottoms (R) 10:50-1:20-3:50-7:40-10:00
Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty (Telugu) 8:30
AXCN: Perfect Blue 25th Anniversary - Satoshi Kon Fest 7:30
The Nun II (R) 11:30-12:30-3:30-5:30-6:30-9:30

University Mall Theatres
10659-A Braddock Road
Barbie (PG-13) 2:40-7:30-9:45; 5:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 1:00-7:00-9:35; 4:00
Elemental (PG) 12:20
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 4:45; 12:30-2:30-7:15-9:15

CLASSIC DOONESBURY
GARRY TRUDEAU



PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ K 10 8 4
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ K 9 2
♣ K Q

WEST
♠ 6
♥ Q
♦ Q 8 7 5 4 3
♣ 10 8 7 4 2

EAST (D)
♠ 7 3 2
♥ A K J 10 9 3
♦ 10
♣ A J 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ 7 6
♦ A J 6
♣ 9 5 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♥ Q

"Simple Saturday" columns treat basic technique and logical thinking.

Counting the distribution of the concealed hands is not difficult, but it takes focus, practice and experience — and experience is not something you can get on an easy-payment plan.

Practice counting today. You play at four spades. East overtakes the first heart with the king, cashes the ace — West discards a club — and leads a third heart. You ruff high, and West throws a diamond. You take the K-A of trumps, finding West with a singleton, and lead a club to dummy's king. East wins and leads a fourth heart, you ruff high again and West discards a diamond.

Next, you lead a club to dummy's queen (a slight risk), draw East's last trump and ruff your last club in dummy. East plays the jack. How do you handle the diamonds?

East had three spades, six hearts and three clubs, so one diamond. When you cash the ace, East plays the 10, so you can confidently lead to dummy's nine at the 12th trick.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ 6 ♥ Q
♦ Q 8 7 5 4 3 ♣ 10 8 7 4 2

Neither side vulnerable. Your partner opens one diamond. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Unless partner has extra strength, the opponents can surely make game in a major. Bid four diamonds, showing a distributional hand weak in high cards. If partner has a good hand, he may bid five diamonds and make it, but your primary intent is to make it hard for the opponents to come in.

— Frank Stewart

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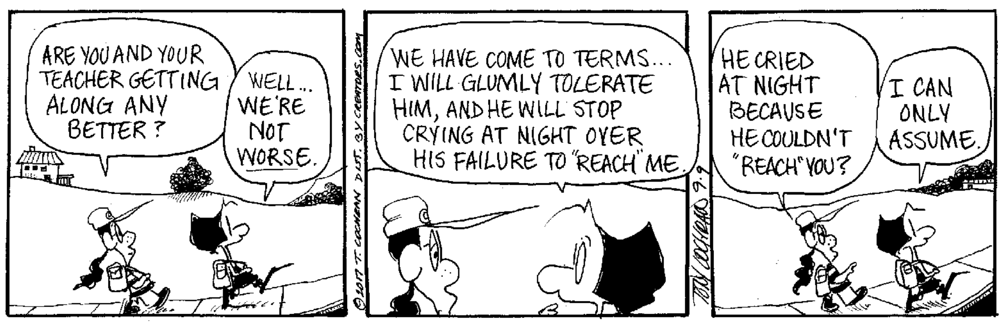
RED AND ROVER
BRIAN BASSET

AGNES
TONY COCHRAN



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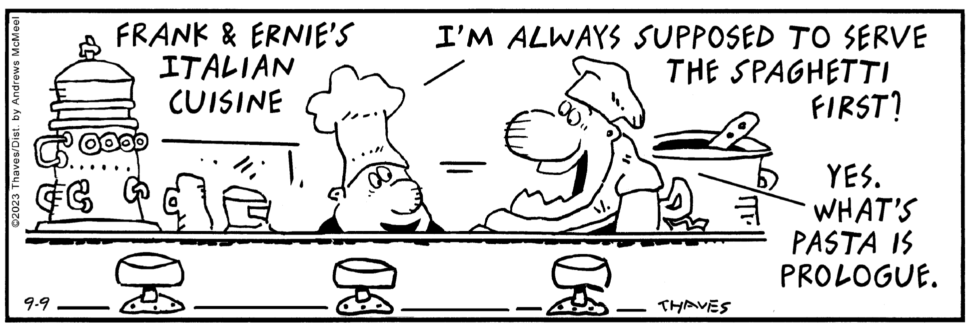
TOM THAVES



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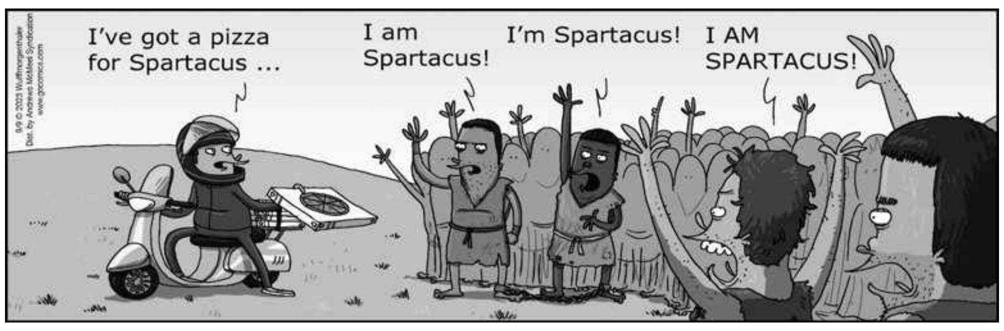

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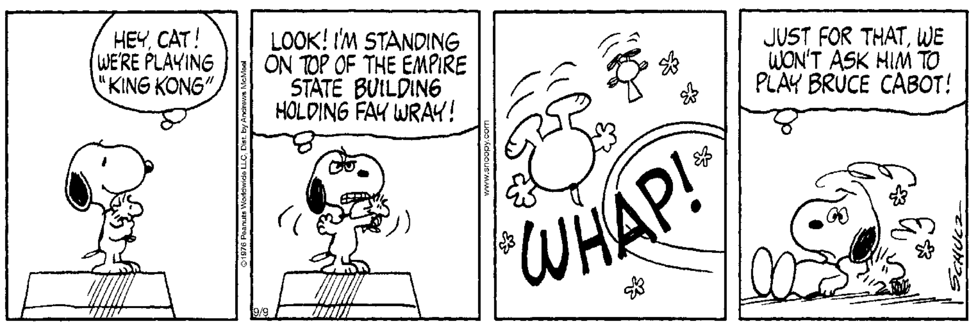

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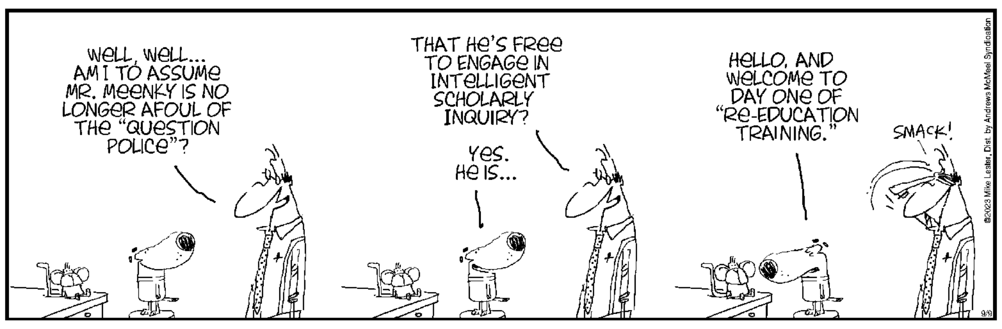
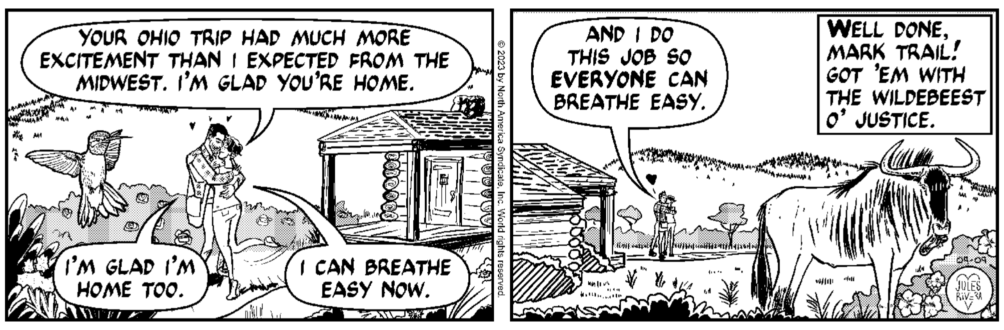


RHYMES WITH ORANGE
HILARY PRICE

MARK TRAIL
JULES RIVERA



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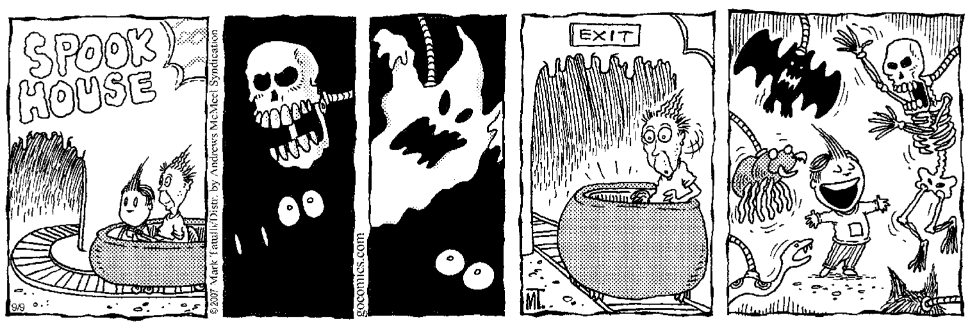
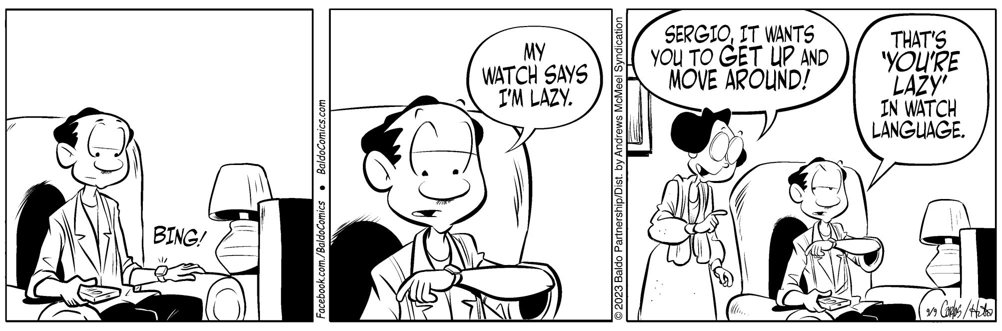
MARK TATULLI



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM
MIKE PETERS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
CHRIS BROWNE

BALDO
HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



BLONDIE
DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

SALLY FORTH
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

7						1		8
9				1			4	
				4	2			
1		7	2				5	
	5			8			1	
	6				5	2		4
			7	9				
	1			5				7
4		6						9

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★★

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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E1 E1 I1 C3 N1 R1 G2 — RACK 1

E1 O1 H4 T1 T1 B3 R1 — 2nd Letter Double — RACK 2

A1 A1 E1 H4 D2 M3 S1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 3

A1 E1 E1 O1 P3 M3 L1 — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 222

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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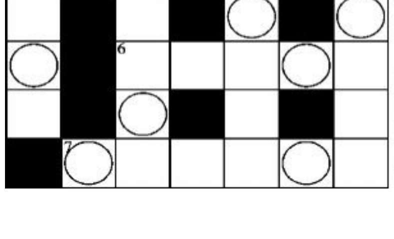
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



9-9-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Give	MRATPI
5. Fine ____	RTPIN
6. Type of performer	RATOC
7. Mailer, shipper	SREEND

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Obstruct	EPMIED
2. Ape or monkey	RIMATEP
3. Revolved	DTTAORE
4. ____ image	RRROMI

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

DOUBLE BONUS The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

CLUE: Sci-fi movie released on July 9, 2010

CLUE: The result of certain emotions

ANSWERS: 1A-Impart 5A-Print 6A-Actor 7A-Sender 1D-Impede 2D-Primate 3D-Rotated 4D-Mirror B-Predators B-Teardrops

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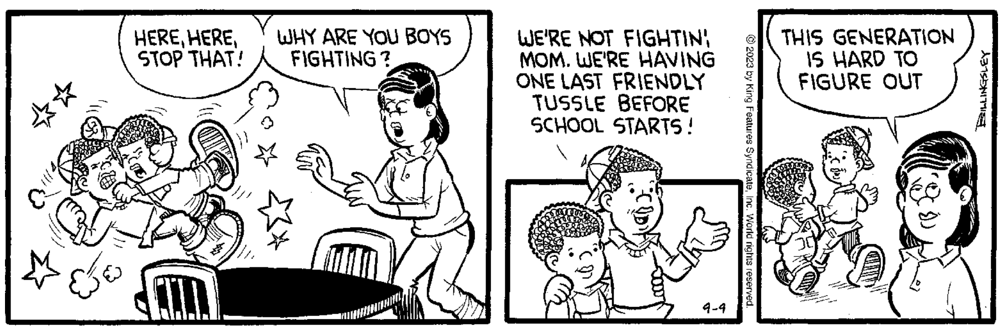
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
JIM TOOMEY

CURTIS
RAY BILLINGSLEY



BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!
TIM RICKARD

MUTTS
PATRICK McDONNELL

ZITS
JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN

HEART OF THE CITY
STEENZ

JUDGE PARKER
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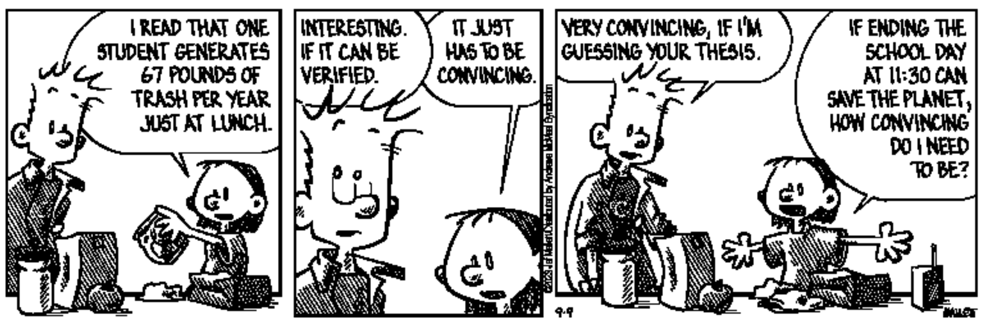

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BARNEY AND CLYDE
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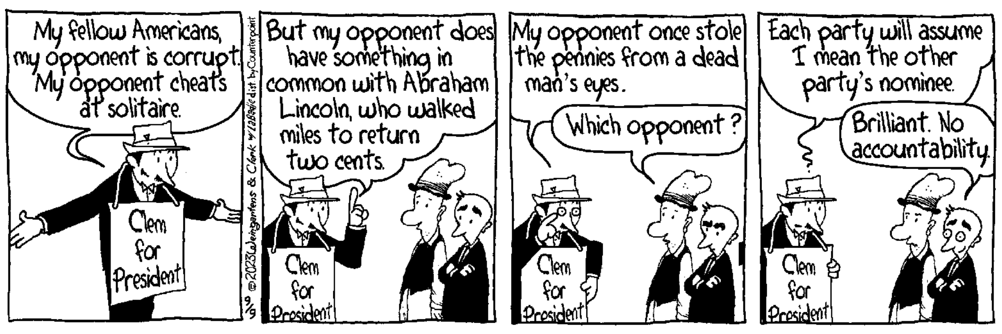

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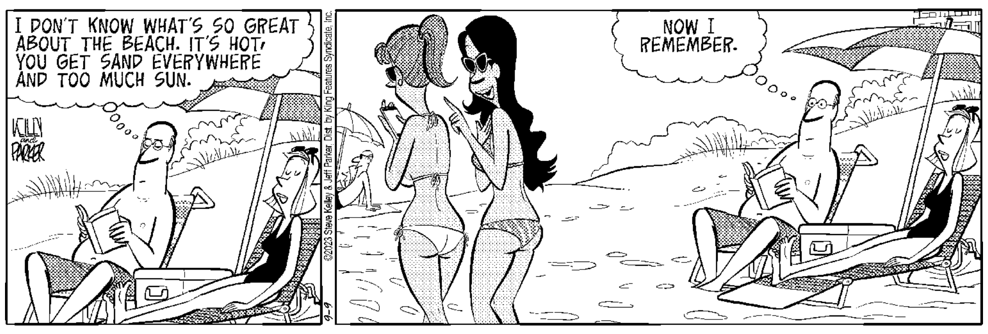
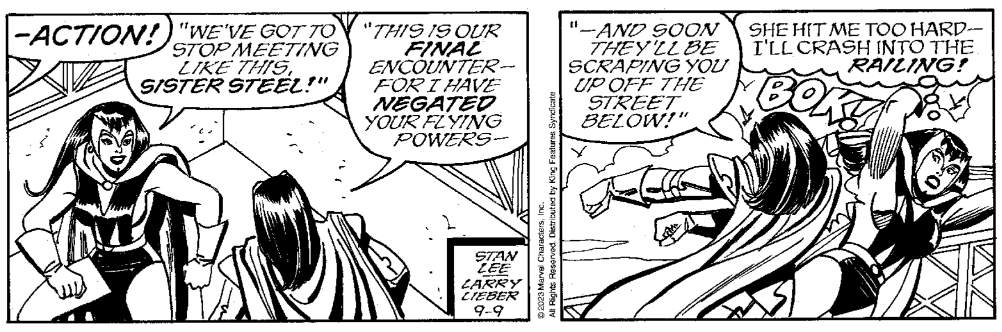
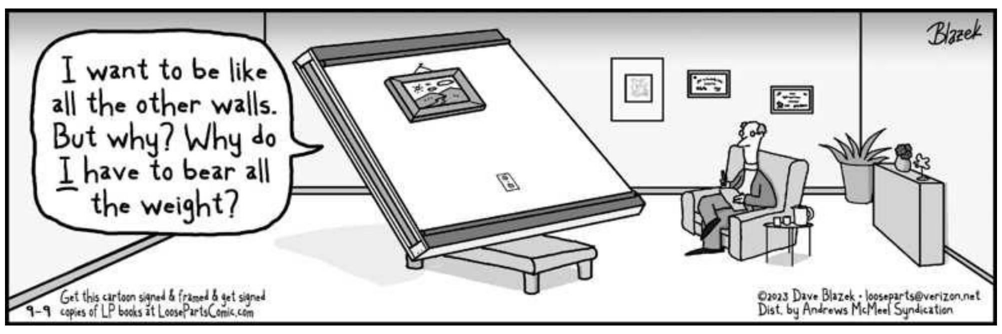


THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK



PRICKLY CITY
SCOTT STANTIS

LOOSE PARTS
DAVE BLAZEK



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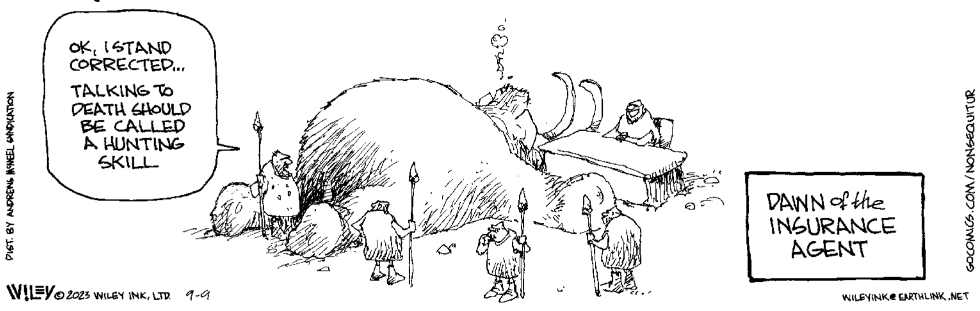
WILEY



BABY BLUES
RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

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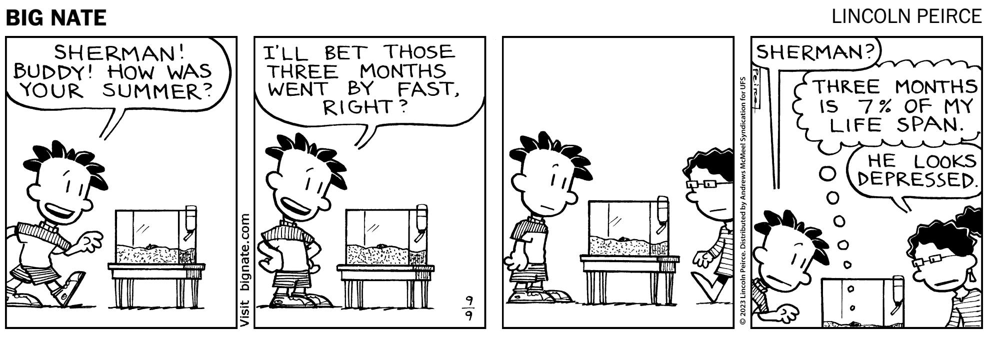
LINCOLN PEIRCE



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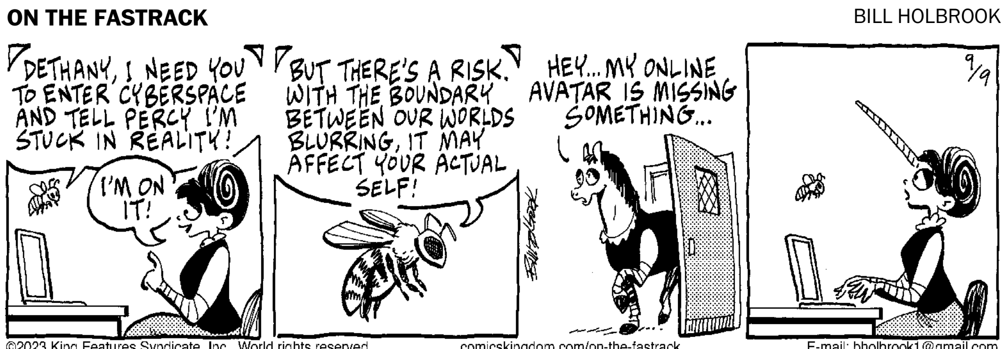
BILL HOLBROOK



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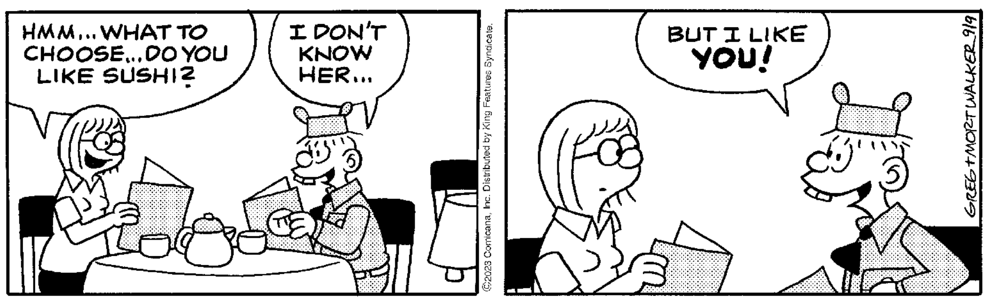
BEETLE BAILEY
GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
STEPHAN PASTIS

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | SEPTEMBER 9

You are clever, sharp, witty and inquisitive. Nevertheless, you present a serious demeanor to your world. This is a year of learning and teaching for you. Take some solitude so you can renew your spiritual or religious beliefs this year. Explore meditation, yoga or some form of introspection.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Cancer.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
This is an excellent day to do something to spruce up your home and make things look better. You will enjoy talking to family members, because everything to do with home and family will receive a positive boost today.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Communications will go well today, especially when talking to siblings, relatives and neighbors. You feel very positive about your environment, which is why you're up for entertaining diversions, fun times as well as playful activities with kids.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
You might have excellent moneymaking ideas today, especially related to a home business or a business that deals with homes or real estate. Alternatively, some of you might buy something to make your home feel better, look better or function better.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
This is a lovely day for you. Your feelings and inclinations are in sync with your analytical sense of purpose. In other words, the two are supporting each other instead of being at odds with each other, as is often the case.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is a happy, positive day for you! Take some time for yourself to plan, ruminate and consider something. You might even research something to get more data or the right facts. People will also be willing to help you, as usual.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
You will enjoy schmoozing with friends today as well as members of groups and organizations, because you feel sociable, friendly and happy to talk to others.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
You're prepared to talk to people in authority today – bosses, teachers, parents and even the police. With Mars in your sign, you feel assertive, confident and ready to meet the world. Furthermore, you've done your homework.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
Today you're interested in broad topics, philosophy, metaphysics, foreign countries, social agendas – you name it. This is why you will enjoy talking to people who are informed and have something to offer.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
This is a solid day for discussions about shared property and the wealth and resources of others, especially your partner, debt, taxes or inheritances. You're eager to get information that you need so you are informed and can make good decisions.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Conversations with close friends, spouses and partners will be lively and interactive today because your mind is full of ideas, and others are keen to share what they know as well.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Co-workers are supportive with ideas today. Likewise, if you're checking out health issues, health and support workers will also be informative and willing to discuss what you need to know.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
You are in a creative headspace today, which is why you will love to discuss the arts, music and new ideas about many topics. You will also enjoy time spent with children as well as checking out sports events.

— *Georgia Nicols*

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

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9	6	3	5	2	1	7	8	4
7	8	4	6	9	3	2	1	5
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4	9	1	8	6	7	3	5	2
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3	7	9	2	8	5	1	4	6
2	1	6	4	7	9	5	3	8

PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

M3	A1	T1	A1	D2	O1	R1	RACK 1 =	63
E1	Y4	E1	L1	A1	S1	H4	RACK 2 =	89
O1	P3	I1	N1	I1	O1	N1	RACK 3 =	59
B3	E1	D2	B3	U1	G2		RACK 4 =	12
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	223

SPEED BUMP
DAVE COVERLY

DENNIS THE MENACE
H. KETCHAM

"FIRST YOU GOTTA BE ABLE TO SEE OVER THE FRONT SEAT, JOEY, IF YOU WANNA BE A *BACKSEAT DRIVER!*"

FAMILY CIRCUS
BIL KEANE

"It's a sayin' given to us by the Golden Ruler."

REPLY ALL LITE
DONNA A. LEWIS

The Washington Post
SPORTS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Maryland hosts Charlotte riding a defense that hasn't yielded a TD in three games dating from last season. D3

BASEBALL
Nationals pitchers have an uneasy relationship with the strike zone in an 8-5 loss at home to the Dodgers. D5

SOCCER
U.S. men's coach Gregg Berhalter, a soap opera behind him, pushes forward into a new World Cup cycle. D5

AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES
Daniil Medvedev, who upset No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz in the semifinals, beat Novak Djokovic two years ago for his lone major title. Djokovic is chasing a record 24th.

Open for a rematch

Medvedev, Djokovic prevail to set up a replay of their 2021 championship clash

BY AVA WALLACE

NEW YORK — On the list of Daniil Medvedev's plentiful tennis gifts, speed is not often placed near the top. Bullwhip groundstrokes, an unorthodox technique that unbalances opponents, a flair for the dramatic, sure. Usually, the most said about the Russian's athleticism is that he moves unexpectedly well for a lanky fellow of 6-foot-6.

But it was plain to see Friday how desperately Medvedev wanted back in the U.S. Open final. The 27-year-old exhausted his legs and ran himself hoarse sprinting to every corner of the court on Arthur Ashe Stadium for 3 hours 19 minutes to keep up with the lightning-quick Carlos Alcaraz, playing some of the best defense of his career and winning the second semifinal of the day to oust the defending champion, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

The prize for his effort is a U.S. Open final against Novak Djokovic, the man Medvedev beat in New York in 2021 to capture his lone Grand Slam title.

Djokovic, 36, will play for a record 24th major singles title after defeating 20-year-old American Ben Shelton, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4), on Friday in his 100th singles match at the U.S. Open. If he prevails, he would be the oldest man to win the U.S. Open.

While Medvedev's upset robbed fans of a rematch of Alcaraz and Djokovic's exceptional final from Wimbledon in July, it did serve to remind that Alcaraz and Medvedev have a compelling rivalry of their own brewing. Friday was their third meeting this year in a final or semifinal and fourth meeting overall. The record stands at 2-2.

"Well, obviously Daniil is there," Alcaraz said. "He's always there."

The fourth iteration was an unending highlight reel, an instant classic that may not go down as an all-time showcase because it lacked a fifth set but is worthy of the title. Medvedev's hair was plastered to his forehead, and blood tickled down his right knee at the end, when, after slamming an overhead on his fourth match point, he simply turned to the spectators and pressed his index fingers to his ears, asking for more from a crowd

SEE U.S. OPEN ON D6

U.S. Open, women's final: Coco Gauff vs. Aryna Sabalenka, today, 4 p.m., ESPN

'Fresh start' has team's fans, greats back in fold

Harris expects a sellout for the Commanders' season opener Sunday

BY NICKI JHABVALA

It was only five years ago when Washington's unofficial 50-year sellout streak collapsed. An announced crowd of 57,013 — the lowest for a Washington home opener in the then-21-year history of FedEx Field — booed as the team relied solely on its kicker for points in a dreadful 21-9 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

"It was awful," Tony Kornheiser told Michael Wilbon days later on "Pardon the Interruption." "For 50 years, they owned Washington, D.C. . . . Mike, this is beginning to feel like the beginning of a revolution."

On Sunday, when the Commanders open their season against the Arizona Cardinals, the team's new owner said he expects FedEx Field to be sold out again, perhaps heralding the start of a new streak.

"Sunday's going to be a very

SEE COMMANDERS ON D2

Cardinals at Commanders
Sunday, 1 p.m., Fox

U.S. fails to make the final at World Cup

GERMANY 113, UNITED STATES 111

BY BEN GOLLIVER

USA Basketball will get its long-anticipated FIBA World Cup showdown with Canada on Sunday, but the North American neighbors will be playing for bronze rather than gold.

Displaying poise from start to finish in a nip-and-tuck semifinal, Germany upset USA Basketball, 113-111, at Mall of Asia Arena in the Philippines on Friday, ending the Americans' hopes of reclaiming World Cup supremacy. The Germans will face Serbia, which knocked off Canada, 95-86, in Friday's other semifinal, for gold Sunday.

The victory was Germany's first over the United States since NBA stars began competing in international tournaments at the 1992 Olympics.

SEE USA BASKETBALL ON D6

For Ewers, Alabama is unfinished business

Texas QB has a second chance to topple the Tide

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER

Ancient history from 2012 indicates that if a quarterback resides in Texas but jets to Alabama and thrives on that field in Tuscaloosa, it can usher that quarterback into some magical realm of football consciousness, as if the field at Bryant-Denny Stadium itself confers the magic.

Quinn Ewers will not resemble Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M circa 2012 should Ewers thrive Saturday when No. 11 Texas (1-0) visits No. 3 Alabama (1-0) — they're different quarterback types — but Ewers's stay in the national consciousness, already three years and one slew of name, image and likeness deals old, could get a fine cementing should he do something big against the Crimson Tide.

Alabama has lost at home only twice since that day in 2012 — to a lucky Mississippi in 2015 and a

SEE TEXAS ON D3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY: GAMES TO WATCH

Nationally
Nebraska at 22 Colorado
Noon, Fox
11 Texas at 3 Alabama
7 p.m., ESPN

Locally
Purdue at Virginia Tech
Noon, ESPN2
James Madison at Virginia
Noon, ESPNU
Wagner at Navy
3:30 p.m., CBS Sports Network
Charlotte at Maryland
7:30 p.m., NBC

JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST
Brittney Sykes scored 27 points, but the Mystics fell short, meaning they will begin the playoffs at either New York or Las Vegas.

Seventh seed is certain after the latest stumble

DREAM 80, MYSTICS 75

BY KAREEM COPELAND

Mystics Coach Eric Thibault was a bit perturbed Friday night after his team failed to complete a rally in the home finale against the Atlanta Dream. The typically insightful first-year coach was curt during his postgame media session after an 80-75 loss that solidified Washington as the No. 7 playoff seed.

Now Thibault has a decision to make. The regular season ends Sunday in New York, and he could rest key players on a roster that has weathered injuries all summer. Or he could play everyone normal minutes and try to find flow and rhythm heading into the postseason after the Mystics have lost three of their past four.

"Not sure yet," Thibault said. "We're probably going to be playing the team that in all likelihood we'll play in the first round. . . . I'm not sure because I don't feel like we can just roll into the playoffs playing like we did tonight, rest a bunch of people and think we'll be fine. . . . I want to see a much better effort from our entire group."

There was plenty on the line Friday. A victory would have evened the series against the Dream (19-20) at 2-2 and moved the Mystics (18-21) into the No. 6 playoff slot. The loss locked Washington into a first-round road series against the Liberty (32-7) or

SEE MYSTICS ON D2

Mystics at Liberty
Tomorrow, 1 p.m., NBCSW

DIGEST

TRACK AND FIELD

Norway's Ingebrigtsen breaks 2,000 record

Olympic 1,500-meter champion **Jakob Ingebrigtsen** smashed a 24-year-old world record in the rarely run 2,000 meters by more than a second.

The Norwegian finished in 4 minutes 43.13 seconds at a Diamond League meet in Brussels.

Making his first appearance since last month's world championships, the 22-year-old improved the previous mark of 4:44.79 set in 1999 by Moroccan great **Hicham El Guerrouj**.

"It's always fun to break a record, but, to be honest, it wasn't difficult for me to break this one," Ingebrigtsen said.

Also, Jamaica sprint ace **Shericka Jackson** failed in her attempt at the women's 200 world record set 35 years ago by **Florence Griffith-Joyner**.

Jackson, the reigning world champion, clocked 21.48. Griffith-Joyner's mark of 21.34 was set at the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

GOLF

Peiyun Chien of Taiwan holed out for an eagle on the sixth hole and played bogey-free for an 8-under-par 64 to build a four-shot lead in the Queen City Championship in Cincinnati as she tries for her first LPGA Tour victory.

Chien has won three times on what is now the Epson Tour and twice on the Taiwan LPGA.

She reached the halfway mark at 14-under 130 at Kenwood Country Club.

Ruoning Yin of China, who captured her first major this summer at the Women's PGA Championship, also played bogey-free for a 66 that left her four shots behind with **Morgane Metraux** of Switzerland (66) and 18-hole leader **Ruixin Liu** of China (69).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Jalon Daniels threw for 280 yards and two touchdowns in his season debut, Devin Neal ran for 120 yards and a score, and Kansas beat Illinois, 34-23, in Lawrence, Kan., in the first game between the schools since 1968.

Daniel Hishaw added 98 yards rushing and a touchdown as the Jayhawks (2-0) put up nearly 300 yards of offense in the first half and finished with 543 for the game. . . .

Tayven Jackson completed 18 of 21 passes for 236 yards and added a 10-yard touchdown run in his first career start, and Indiana racked up 558 yards of total offense in a 41-7 rout of Indiana State in Bloomington.

Jaylin Lucas finished with 10 carries for 88 yards and four catches for 39 yards. His pair of 25-yard touchdown runs opened the scoring. . . .

Oregon State and Washington State on Friday filed a complaint in Washington state court against the Pac-12 and commissioner **George Kliavkoff**, seeking to prevent departing members from getting in the way of their efforts to rebuild the disintegrating conference.

The breach of bylaws complaint was filed in Whitman County. It requests a temporary restraining order that would keep departing members of the Pac-12 board of directors from meeting next week and taking any action regarding the status or governance of the conference, according to a news release from Oregon State and Washington State. . . .

West Georgia is moving up to NCAA Division I by joining the Atlantic Sun Conference.

The state board of regents approved the move, and the Division II Wolves, a member of the Gulf South Conference since 1983, will begin transitioning to the higher level during the 2024-25 school year.

HOCKEY

Former NHL players **Dustin Brown** and **Jamie Langenbrunner** highlight the 2023 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame class unveiled by USA Hockey.

Longtime executive **Brian Burke**, women's star **Katie King Crowley** and official **Brian Murphy** also are being inducted into the Hall at a ceremony Dec. 6 in Boston.

Brown in 2012 became the second American captain to hoist the Stanley Cup when the Los Angeles Kings won it for the first time, and he did it again in 2014.

Langenbrunner also won the Cup twice, in 1999 with Dallas and 2003 with New Jersey.

MISC.

David Malukas filled one of the final pieces of IndyCar free agency when the relatively unknown Chicago native snagged one of the most coveted seats in the series. Arrow McLaren Racing named the 21-year-old to its third car — the one that presumably was going to be filled by two-time IndyCar champion **Alex Palou** until the Spaniard alerted the team last month he no longer plans to join next year's lineup. . . .

Jonas Vingegaard and his teammates crushed their rivals in the Spanish Vuelta's 13th stage when the two-time Tour de France champion led a 1-2-3 finish for Jumbo-Visma atop the legendary Col du Tourmalet.

— From news services and staff reports

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Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen said "it wasn't difficult" Friday to break a record in the 2,000 meters that had stood for 24 years.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

4 p.m.	**Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington** » MASN2, WJFK (106.7 FM)
4 p.m.	**Baltimore at Boston** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
4 p.m.	**Seattle at Tampa Bay** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**San Diego at Houston** » MLB Network
10 p.m.	**Cleveland at Los Angeles Angels** » MLB Network (joined in progress)

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AUTO RACING

10 a.m.	**NASCAR Xfinity Series: Kansas Lottery 300, practice and qualifying** » USA Network
Noon	**NASCAR Cup Series: Hollywood Casino 400, practice and qualifying** » USA Network
3 p.m.	**Pro Motocross Championship, Round 29** » USA Network
3:30 p.m.	**NASCAR Xfinity Series: Kansas Lottery 300** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)

GOLF

7:30 a.m.	**DP World Tour: Irish Open, third round** » Golf Channel
2 p.m.	**LPGA Tour: Queen City Championship, third round** » Golf Channel
5 p.m.	**PGA Tour Champions: Ascension Charity Classic, second round** » Golf Channel
11 p.m.	**Asian Tour: Shinhan Donghae Open, final round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

9 a.m.	**UEFA Euro qualifying, Group F: Belgium at Azerbaijan** » Fox Sports 1
Noon	**UEFA Euro qualifying, Group C: Ukraine vs. England** » Fox Sports 2
12:30 p.m.	**NWSL Challenge Cup, final: North Carolina vs. Racing Louisville** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
2:30 p.m.	**Friendly: Germany vs. Japan** » Fox Sports 2
5:30 p.m.	**Friendly: Uzbekistan at United States** » TNT
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: San Jose at D.C. United** » Apple TV Plus, WONK (104.7 FM)

TENNIS

4 p.m.	**U.S. Open, women's final** » ESPN

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

5 a.m.	**Men's AFL: Brisbane at Port Adelaide** » Fox Sports 2
11 p.m.	**Women's AFL: Collingwood at Fremantle** » Fox Sports 2

NFL NOTES

Packers' No. 1 wide receiver out as Love era begins

FROM NEWS SERVICES

Green Bay Packers wide receiver Christian Watson won't play in Sunday's season opener at the Chicago Bears while he deals with a hamstring injury.

The Packers' injury report Friday ruled Watson out for the Bears game and listed fellow wideout Romeo Doubs as questionable.

Watson's absence means Green Bay won't have its top returning wide receiver when Jordan Love begins his first season as the Packers' starting quarterback.

"We still had a whole week to kind of prepare for this, so I wouldn't say that would alter the plan too drastically," Green Bay Coach Matt LaFleur said. "I think anytime you're missing one of your better players, I mean that certainly throws a little curveball to it. But I mean that happens all the time. Shoot, the Chiefs had to deal with that last night."

The defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs played without four-time all-pro tight end Travis Kelce in their season-opening 21-20 loss to the Detroit Lions on Thursday night.

LaFleur said Friday that Watson's injury is "hopefully just a week-to-week" issue.

Love will be making just his second career start after he spent the past three seasons backing up four-time MVP Aaron Rodgers, who was traded to the New York Jets in April.

The only other wide receivers on Green Bay's 53-man roster are 2022 seventh-round pick Samori Toure and rookies Jayden Reed, Dontayvion Wicks and Malik Heath.

• **BROWNS:** Cleveland will begin the season against Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals with its best defensive back but maybe not its full starting secondary.

MATT LUDTKE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Packers wideout Christian Watson has a hamstring injury that Coach Matt LaFleur said is "hopefully just a week-to-week" issue.

Two-time Pro Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward cleared the concussion protocols and will start Sunday's opener, giving the Browns their top coverage defender as they try to slow the Bengals.

Ward had been sidelined by his fourth reported concussion in the NFL. He got hurt in an Aug. 26 preseason game against the Chiefs and was limited to individual drills this week before fully practicing Friday.

Cleveland could be without starting safety Juan Thornhill, who is questionable with a calf injury. Veteran Rodney McLeod will start if Thornhill can't play.

• **RAIDERS:** Defensive end Chandler Jones is not expected to play in Sunday's season opener at the Denver Broncos, according to Las Vegas Coach Josh McDaniels.

Jones hasn't been at the team's facility this week. He twice posted disparaging remarks on social media about Raiders management before removing them.

Also, backup cornerback Brandon Facyson (shin) was placed on injured reserve and will miss at least four games.

• **PANTHERS:** Carolina still doesn't know whether top pass rusher Brian Burns plans to play Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons.

The two-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker participated in his third straight practice, but it's unclear whether he will play with his contract situation unsettled.

Burns is in the final year of his rookie contract and is due $16 million this season, but he is seeking a large contract extension. The Panthers are hoping to strike a deal with Burns before Sunday.

Coach Frank Reich said Friday that he had no further updates on Burns's contract situation.

• **EAGLES:** Haason Reddick hasn't missed a game in his first six seasons, so the Pro Bowl edge rusher won't let thumb surgery keep him off the field.

Reddick will line up Sunday and go after Mac Jones when Philadelphia visits the New England Patriots. The second-team all-pro aims to build off a season in which he had a career-high 16 sacks.

• **GIANTS:** Kicker Graham Gano signed a three-year contract extension with New York.

The Giants announced the extension ahead of their Sunday night season opener against the visiting Dallas Cowboys.

The 36-year-old Gano has made 91.8 percent of his field goal attempts since he joined New York in 2020, the best percentage in franchise history for anyone with at least 50 attempts.

He went 29 for 32 on field goals last year after going 29 for 33 in 2021 and 31 for 32 in 2020.

— Associated Press

Giants tight end Darren Waller has a hamstring injury and is questionable for the opener.

Waller, 30, was a new name on the final injury report. He was limited in Friday's practice.

Wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson, meanwhile, is listed as doubtful for Week 1 coming off last season's torn ACL.

— New York Daily News

Owner change brings back fans, alums and sponsors

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emotional day," owner Josh Harris said Friday before joining the team's season kickoff party with fans at Franklin Park in downtown Washington. "It's going to feel like a playoff game to me."

Since November, when former owner Daniel Snyder announced he would explore a sale of the team, and building up to late July, when the team was officially sold to Harris's group for a record $6.05 billion, the Commanders have experienced a resurgence in fan and sponsorship interest.

It's still early. But for a franchise that has been trying to climb its way out of more than two decades of controversy and losses, it's a start.

"As the fans have come back, it's been a signal to sponsors that that promise can now be better fulfilled," team president Jason Wright said. "So we've got the energy to bring people back."

The team announced six corporate sponsorships and partnerships in recent weeks, including multiyear deals with Verizon and Anheuser-Busch, the beer company that severed ties with Washington roughly 18 months earlier.

"Anybody that we lost over the years, it was an unspoken understanding that if ownership or something changed . . . that there could be another conversation," Wright said.

The team also partnered with Sire Spirits, owned by rapper and entrepreneur Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, and the U.S. Air Force.

According to Wright, discussions for many of the recent deals began when it became clear that Harris and his group of 20 limited partners were on track to land the team.

That was also when Wright greenlit significant investments into FedEx Field, the team's 26-year-old stadium that often looks years beyond its age.

The Commanders put $40 million toward capital repairs at FedEx — things such as painting and making structural fixes — and upgrades to improve the fan experience on game days. The video and sound boards are new, along with some signage and 12 food vendors.

Because Harris's group closed the sale only days before training camp, some improvements will be made later in the season, such as during a stretch in October when the team doesn't play at FedEx for three weeks.

"It's such an important community and region overall, not only as the capital of this country but as a global center," said Peter O'Reilly, an NFL executive vice president. "So a strong Washington team is great for the league for all the reasons you would expect — the size of that market, the tradition and history of that fan base. . . . A quick impact just in a short period of time is happening."

Wright declined to provide round numbers for season ticket sales and revenue but said the team's total ticket sales are up 20 percent. Holding to their "welcome home" theme, the new owners have made a point to reach out to and involve former players, many of whom will be on the field before Sunday's game.

Immediately after NFL owners ratified the sale, Harris reached out to former stars Art Monk and Darrell Green. On Wednesday night, at a dinner for the Economic Club of Washington, D.C., former running back John Riggins sat with limited partner Mitch Rales. The two will sit together Sunday.

Rales also commissioned his private plane to fly to Florida to pick up Sonny Jurgensen, Billy Kilmer, Jim Hart and their spouses so they can attend. Jurgensen's health prohibits him from flying commercial, but Rales wanted him to be able to attend alongside many other Washington legends, including Joe Theismann, Doug Williams and Mark Rypien.

Champ Bailey also will return after avoiding FedEx for years, serving as an honorary captain.

The owners have spent time with the players, holding roundtable meetings with some of the team's current veteran leaders. Players were candid, Rales said, and many of their requests — a viewing area for family and friends during training camp, a clock in the athletic training room, extra hot tubs, a water station — were heeded.

"Our job is to make their lives easier," said Harris, who also has ownership stakes in the Philadelphia 76ers, New Jersey Devils and Crystal Palace FC. "I've now witnessed pro athletes in multiple sports, and everyone thinks it's glamorous. . . . But what pro players and what the Commanders players have to put into their training regimens [to keep] healthy and focused, it's a lot of stress on them."

The gesture seemed to go a long way with players.

"The only way you get better is through honesty, and they've been very open to the feedback," wide receiver Terry McLaurin said. ". . . We had some guys in there who were not afraid to ask the tough questions but also give our honest opinions. I feel like that they're going to open that door for that."

Added second-year quarterback Sam Howell: "It feels way different. Obviously, ownership is a big deal, and I think the fans are really fired up about this. It's really like a fresh start. But as players, we bought into that as well. We're tired of how it's been the past few years here. I mean, we want it to be about winning. We want the product on the field to be the most important thing and what everyone's talking about. So it's just kind of up to us."

Mystics' third loss in four games gives them No. 7 seed

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the Las Vegas Aces (32-6).

The Dream led 42-35 at halftime, but a third-quarter outburst from Brittney Sykes left the Mystics trailing by one going into the final 10 minutes. Atlanta responded with a 12-0 run to take a 13-point lead and never trailed the rest of the way, hitting its free throws down the stretch to keep the Mystics at bay.

"I don't know about that stretch, but we told on ourselves," Thibault said. "The effort we played with in the third quarter told on ourselves for our effort in the first half. And that's where my disappointment is."

Sykes scored 15 points in the third quarter and finished with 27. Elena Delle Donne added 13 points and six rebounds, and Natasha Cloud had seven points and 15 assists, a team record. Cloud now holds the Mystics' single-game, single-season and career records for assists.

"My buckets come pretty fast and in a flow," Sykes said. "So that was just a little spurt that I had. Shout out to my teammates. They found me, I found the rhythm, and I just took it personal that I wasn't being aggressive enough for my team. And I just had to keep the mentality of just keep going."

Atlanta's Rhyne Howard had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Cheyenne Parker and Allisha Gray each finished with 17 points for the Dream, which outrebounded the Mystics 47-32.

"Defensive lapses, not being able to rebound," Delle Donne said. "They're . . . too good to give them that many chances. So I think that was the biggest thing with our defense struggling to finish the plays."

Here's what else to know about the Mystics' loss:

Injuries still an issue

The Mystics got Ariel Atkins back, now masked up to protect her broken nose. She said she has been wearing the mask in practice the past few days and it hasn't been an issue. Thibault kept her on a minutes restriction, and she was held scoreless in 17:04. . . .

Shakira Austin missed her third straight game after reinjuring her hip last week. The initial injury kept her out nearly two months. Thibault said the center saw a hip specialist Friday.

Getting defensive

Sykes went into the final weekend in a battle with the Sparks' Jordin Canada for the league lead in steals. Trailing Canada 82-80 entering Friday, Sykes grabbed two to leave the pair even with each having one more game. Sykes has been named to the all-defensive team three years running and seems certain to make it four straight. She has not been shy about wanting to lead the league in steals for a third consecutive year.

"She's so good in the passing lanes, so it's really about making the correct reads, being sharp with the basketball when you are around her," Dream Coach Tanisha Wright said.

Only two pure guards — Teresa Weatherspoon and Debbie Black — have won the league's defensive player of the year award. Black won it last in 2001.

Cloud speaks

"Y'all know me. I'm very humble," Cloud said after being asked about the single-game assist record. "I'm a mid-major kid that was never supposed to be here. There's a lot of people still like to talk [stuff] and don't expect me to be here, but I show up every single night, I do my job every single night throughout the season, whether we have players, we don't have players. I lead this team every single night, and I take that with a lot of pride. I take that with a lot of ownership of it, too.

"I'm a top point guard in this league, period."

Added Sykes, "Period."

Sun sets mark

In Uncasville, Conn., Tiffany Hayes scored 14 points, Alyssa Thomas had 10 points and 14 rebounds, and the Connecticut Sun beat the Indiana Fever, 67-59, for its franchise record 27th victory of the season.

DeWanna Bonner, Natisha Hiedeman and DiJonai Carrington scored 10 points apiece for the Sun (27-12), which has beaten the Fever eight consecutive times. Indiana (12-27) hasn't beaten Connecticut since July 3, 2021.

• **SKY 92, LYNX 87:** Kahleah Copper scored 20 points, Marina Mabrey added 19, and host Chicago clinched the last playoff spot.

Chicago's win eliminated the Los Angeles Sparks, while Minnesota (19-20) dropped into a tie for the fifth seed with Atlanta with one game remaining.

• **WINGS 106, STORM 91:** Natasha Howard scored 23 points, Satou Sabally added 21 points, and Dallas secured the No. 4 seed in the playoffs with a win in Arlington, Tex.

Dallas (21-18), which closes the regular season at Atlanta on Sunday, will have home-court advantage in the first round.

Seattle's Jewell Loyd passed Breanna Stewart for the most points in a season in league history with 911.

— Associated Press

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Deion Sanders will make his home debut as coach of Colorado when the Buffaloes renew their once-annual rivalry with Nebraska.

TODAY'S TV GAMES

EARLY SHIFT

11 a.m.	**Vanderbilt at Wake Forest** » ACC Network
Noon	**Notre Dame at North Carolina State** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
Noon	**Nebraska at Colorado** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
Noon	**Utah at Baylor** » ESPN
Noon	**Purdue at Virginia Tech** » ESPN2
Noon	**James Madison at Virginia** » ESPNU
Noon	**Ball State at Georgia** » SEC Network
Noon	**Youngstown State at Ohio State** » Big Ten Network
Noon	**Troy at Kansas State** » Fox Sports 1
Noon	**Delaware State at Army** » CBS Sports Network

Lost amid the hullabaloo of Colorado's win over TCU last weekend in Coach Deion Sanders's Football Bowl Subdivision debut was the fact that the Buffaloes won despite a horrid defensive performance. Yes, Colorado averaged a gaudy seven yards per play, but it also gave up a humbling 6.8 yards per play to the Horned Frogs. The Buffaloes allowed 7.1 yards per carry, the worst of any Power Five conference team in Week 1. This problem perhaps won't be an issue when **Colorado hosts Nebraska** — the Cornhuskers had four turnovers and failed to top 300 total yards in a season-opening loss to Minnesota — but it might be down the line when it has to face Oregon and Southern California later this month. . . .

Baylor hosts Utah one week after it lost at home to Texas State as a 27-point favorite. Bears quarterback Blake Shapen suffered a second-half knee injury and will miss two to three weeks, meaning Mississippi State transfer Sawyer Robertson will get the start against the Utes. Robertson completed 6 of 12 passes for 113 yards last week but threw an interception and fumbled to doom Baylor's comeback bid. Utah quarterback Cam Rising has been cleared to practice after missing the season-opening win over Florida, but it's unclear whether he will play. Utah didn't need him against the Gators thanks to a defense that held Florida to less than a yard per rush.

SWING SHIFT

2:15 p.m.	**Charleston Southern at Clemson** » ACC Network
3:30 p.m.	**UNLV at Michigan** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
3:30 p.m.	**Texas A&M at Miami** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
3:30 p.m.	**Iowa at Iowa State** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
3:30 p.m.	**Mississippi at Tulane** » ESPN2
3:30 p.m.	**Richmond at Michigan State** » Big Ten Network
3:30 p.m.	**Wagner at Navy** » CBS Sports Network
4 p.m.	**Kent State at Arkansas** » SEC Network
4 p.m.	**Marshall at East Carolina** » ESPNU
5 p.m.	**Tulsa at Washington** » Pac-12 Network
5:15 p.m.	**Appalachian State at North Carolina** » ACC Network

Texas A&M throttled New Mexico, 52-10, in its season opener last weekend, but good teams are supposed to do that against the Lobos, who are projected to be one of the worst teams in the FBS, if not the very worst. Still, it was an encouraging sign for Coach Jimbo Fisher's Aggies, whose stagnant offense failed to score 52 points combined against pushovers Sam Houston State and Massachusetts last season. It also was the first time one of Fisher's Texas A&M teams topped 50 points against an FBS team. Fisher, new offensive coordinator Bobby Petrino and **the Aggies will get a tougher test at Miami**, which opened by bullying Miami (Ohio), 38-3. . . .

Mississippi and Tulane played 65 times between 1893 and 2000 — they were both members of the SEC until the Green Wave went independent in 1966 — but have squared off only three times since. This year's renewal gives Tulane Coach Willie Fritz another chance to topple a power conference team after last season's Cotton Bowl win over USC. The Green Wave certainly looked as if its first Associated Press preseason ranking was well deserved in last weekend's surprisingly easy win over upstart South Alabama: Quarterback Michael Pratt completed 14 of 15 passes for 294 yards and four touchdowns in the 37-17 victory.

NIGHT SHIFT

6 p.m.	**Monmouth at Towson** » NBC Sports Washington
6:30 p.m.	**Cincinnati at Pittsburgh** » WDCW (Ch. 50), WNUV (Ch. 54)
7 p.m.	**Texas at Alabama** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Oregon at Texas Tech** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
7 p.m.	**Central Florida at Boise State** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Houston at Rice** » NFL Network
7:30 p.m.	**Wisconsin at Washington State** » WJLA (Ch. 7), WMAR (Ch. 2)
7:30 p.m.	**McNeese State at Florida** » ESPNU
7:30 p.m.	**Charlotte at Maryland** » WRC (Ch. 4), WBAL (Ch. 11)
7:30 p.m.	**Temple at Rutgers** » Big Ten Network
7:30 p.m.	**Arizona at Mississippi State** » SEC Network
7:30 p.m.	**UCLA at San Diego State** » WUSA (Ch. 9), WJZ (Ch. 13)
8 p.m.	**Air Force at Sam Houston State** » CBS Sports Network
8:30 p.m.	**Southern Mississippi at Florida State** » ACC Network
9 p.m.	**UC Davis at Oregon State** » Pac-12 Network
10:30 p.m.	**Stanford at Southern California** » WTTG (Ch. 5), WBFF (Ch. 45)
10:30 p.m.	**Auburn at California** » ESPN

Last year's **Texas-Alabama game** set the stage for the conditions that would doom the Crimson Tide to two eventual losses and a missed playoff berth. Even though Longhorns starting quarterback Quinn Ewers had been knocked out of the game in the first quarter, the top-ranked Crimson Tide still had to overcome two fourth-quarter deficits to win by one. Alabama committed a whopping 15 penalties and would end up averaging 7.9 per game for the season, which trailed only Syracuse among Power Five teams. Things could be a little different in Tuscaloosa, where Alabama is 52-2 since 2015. The Longhorns have not won a nonconference road game since 2012. . . .

Texas Tech's high hopes for 2023 were at least momentarily dashed by last weekend's double-overtime loss at Wyoming, and now things get no easier when **Oregon visits Texas Tech** in Lubbock. A two-touchdown favorite, Texas Tech jumped out to a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter against the Cowboys but would score only 10 more points the rest of regulation. The Ducks are coming off an 81-7 win over the Football Championship Subdivision's Portland State, the most points they have scored in the modern era.

— Matt Bonesteel

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Maryland's defense remains a strength

Terps picked up where they left off last season with dominant Week 1

BY GENE WANG

Maryland cornerback Ja'Quan Sheppard was in man coverage early in the second quarter of last Saturday's season opener when he spotted a pass headed in his direction. The senior attempted to get into position for a clean breakup, but officials wound up penalizing him for pass interference.

Sheppard rolled his eyes, incredulous over the call that moved visiting Towson into the red zone. But before frustration began to take hold, a handful of teammates rushed to his side, offering support and assurances they would prevent the Tigers from reaching the end zone.

"We got you," Sheppard, a first-year starter for the Terrapins, recalled hearing over and over again in the defensive huddle.

Towson managed just three more yards during the rest of the series, which ended with a field goal in the Terrapins' 38-6 victory at SECU Stadium. The win extended a defensive uprising that began late last season; Maryland has not yielded a touchdown in three consecutive games.

The next test unfolds Saturday night against visiting Charlotte in front of a national television audience on NBC. Last season, Maryland, which has won nine straight nonconference games, allowed three touchdowns to the 49ers on the way to a 56-21 victory on the road.

"Every time, the goal on defense is to limit scoring," Maryland Coach Michael Locksley said. "This past weekend we were able to hold them to two field goals, and we gave up some yardage there, but we dug in our heels once they crossed into the red-zone area. I think it's a testament to the players."

The Terrapins have not permitted a touchdown since the fourth quarter against Ohio State on Nov. 19, 2022, a span of 192:36. They last managed three games in a row without an opponent reaching the end zone in 1976. All of those victories came via shutout.

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Maryland senior Ja'Quan Sheppard was an all-conference cornerback last season at Cincinnati.

The most points Maryland has surrendered over the past three games came when it allowed four field goals against North Carolina State in the Duke's Mayo Bowl on Dec. 30 in Charlotte. The 16-12 victory gave the Terrapins bowl wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2002 and 2003.

Still, there were concerns about the defense heading into this season, particularly in the secondary, in large part because two starting cornerbacks departed for the NFL. Deonte Banks went in the first round (24th overall) of the draft to the New York Giants, and the Las Vegas Raiders chose Jakorian Bennett in the fourth round (104th overall).

"We've been fortunate to have good players here," Maryland defensive coordinator Brian Williams said. "Very proud of the guys we had last year. They've moved on, Bennett and Banks, so now we've got the uphill battle trying to replace their efforts this year, and I feel good about it."

Reinforcements arrived via the transfer portal, with Sheppard perhaps the most coveted cornerback available. He was named first-team all-American Athletic Conference last year after registering 10 pass breakups and 50 tackles, including 4½ for losses, in 12 starts for Cincinnati.

Maryland also added junior safety Avantae Williams, who spent the previous two seasons at Miami, and nose tackle Jordan Phillips, a starter in his Terrapins debut against Towson. The redshirt freshman appeared in three games last season for Tennessee.

"Everything's got to be earned, not given," Sheppard said of what drew him to play in College Park. "Everybody's got to fight for a spot, for sure. There are no favorites, and I like that because I feel everybody deserves a chance. For the most part, in order to be good, you have to be brothers. You have to be close."

Sheppard began forging that bond when he visited campus for the first time not long after he announced he would be entering the transfer portal. His host at Maryland was Tarheeb Still, a two-year starter at nickelback, and the two connected almost immediately when the discussed the program's defensive philosophy.

Sheppard also has benefited from playing in the same defensive backfield as safeties Beau Brade and Dante Trader Jr. The duo started every game last season for Maryland, with Brade selected honorable mention all-Big Ten. Brade led the Terrapins in tackles (85), and Trader finished second (62).

"Coming into it we felt that our defense — we had a chance to be pretty good on defense because of our front seven, and it was great with the additions of guys like Ja'Quan Sheppard being able to fill some voids, and he played really well for us," Locksley said. "I think the defense is the strength of our team from the standpoint that we've got a lot of veteran leadership. I think that side of the ball has quite a few great leaders."

Have arm, will travel: Ewers gets second shot at Tide

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legit visiting firm of Orgeron, Burrow & Edwards-Helaire in 2019 — so there's that.

It has won 69 times at home in that same span, so there's that.

But big hope has characterized the run-up to this Texas season even if big talk has not (mercifully), and the talk concerns entrenched depth and camaraderie and one unfinished painting in the third season of Coach Steve Sarkisian, who has seen a game or two at Bryant-Denny Stadium. "I think we'll have the mental fortitude to go do it [play to capability], the mental toughness to go do it and the physical toughness to go do it because it's going to be a physical football game," Sarkisian said over the summer at Big 12 media days, the Alabama game already radiating off the calendar.

As for the unfinished painting, that's the canvas on which Ewers worked last September in Austin. He played a first quarter during which he went 9 for 12 with throws short and deep and deep sideline, with one of the incompletions sneaking through a receiver's arms in the end zone on a bomb. He looked commanding, promising, compelling. Then Texas ran one of those things that make 20th-century coaches roll over in their graves — everybody does it nowadays — a pass on first and goal at the 1-yard line. Ewers ran backward and felt the heat and threw it away, just before linebacker Dallas Turner stuffed him into the ground shoulder-first, prompting a penalty flag and ending Ewers's afternoon before noon.

Hudson Card came in and kept the ship from listing even as it slowed, and Bryce Young led Alabama 61 yards in nine plays for Will Reichard's 33-yard field goal that ended it, 20-19, and livened up Alabama's plane ride home.

Ewers, then a freshman, missed three games, then played the closing eight, but another year brought another chance to play the other quarters.

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Quarterback Quinn Ewers was making just his second career start a year ago when the Longhorns lost to Alabama in Austin, 20-19.

"You know," Sarkisian told reporters in Austin on Monday, "I think there's a level of confidence in Quinn that's different. You know, a year ago, he's making his second career start and probably still learning our offense and the nuances. I think now there's a level of confidence in him this year around and focused in on, how does he operate plays in the system in a way to help the other guys? Because he's got a pretty firm grasp of what he's doing."

"This year," Ewers told reporters in late August, "I can just kind of be me and play more freely and not have to think so much about, 'What does this guy [receiver] have?' It just automatically clicks."

He has had that much more time with Sarkisian, the former BYU quarterback and former Alabama quarterback helper known to shoo the goblins of young quarterbacks.

He has had even more time with America as a loud name who is not a loud person (and seems quite bashful, actually) and as the practitioner of all the big trends of the 2020s. He committed to Texas in August 2020, then decommitted (that modern-day art form) in October 2020. He committed to Ohio State in November 2020, then forwent his final year of high school in August 2021 in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex at Southlake Carroll, where you can just feel football in the air, so he could benefit from NIL deals (that other modern-day art form). Then he transferred (that other modern-day art form) in December 2021 from Ohio State to Texas.

Now he's in the position of living up to the publicly known money, a knack the athletes of yore didn't have to master (even as many tried to live up to privately known money). He used to get some note for his mane or mullet but sat before the Austin reporters in August with closely cropped hair that suited the warmed-globe heat of this Texas summer.

He called himself a "perfectionist," said he sees football as "a more violent, more active chess, kind of trying to beat the defense with certain moves," and said his weight (at 6-foot-2) had gone from 218 in the Alamo Bowl against Washington to 200 through a variety of methods, including high protein, low carbs, more vegetables and less fast food. He reckoned himself "more comfortable in my own skin" and "one of those guys who knows what it's supposed to look like."

He said: "You've got to make it fun, you know? It's a kids' game."

His receivers have been complimentary, with Xavier Worthy saying to reporters in Austin on Monday, "He's definitely taken that next step." His accuracy has gone questioned (58.1 percent in the nine games last year, 31 for 47 in the Alamo Bowl loss to Washington, 19 for 30 in the opener last week against Rice). And his path has reached its telltale stages, leading toward a test such as this.

Long ago in January 2021, in a Texas state title game the coronavirus had pushed back from its usual December, Ewers, Rivals' No. 1 pro-style quarterback in the nation in 2021, played opposite Cade Klubnik, Rivals' No. 1 pro-style quarterback in the nation of 2022. Klubnik's Westlake High, that titan from Austin, beat Ewers's Southlake Carroll, 52-34. Westlake's Michael Taaffe, now a defensive back at Texas, intercepted Ewers twice, one a whoa of a one-hander.

From there it seemed they might clash again in Ewers's senior year, the one that never happened as Ewers started entering the national consciousness. Then the path started steeply upward, and now it could reach a new realm if he can play some good chess in Tuscaloosa.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	92	48	.657	—	7-3	W-2
Philadelphia	77	63	.550	15	5-5	L-1
Miami	73	68	.518	19½	7-3	W-1
New York	64	76	.457	28	5-5	L-2
Washington	63	78	.447	29½	2-8	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	78	62	.557	—	5-5	W-1
Chicago	76	66	.535	3	6-4	L-2
Cincinnati	73	70	.510	6½	5-5	L-2
Pittsburgh	65	76	.461	13½	7-3	L-1
St. Louis	62	79	.440	16½	6-4	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Los Angeles	86	54	.614	—	5-5	W-2
Arizona	74	68	.521	13	5-5	W-3
x-San Francisco	70	70	.500	16	3-7	L-6
San Diego	67	75	.472	20	5-5	W-1
x-Colorado	51	88	.367	34½	3-7	L-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Baltimore	89	51	.636	—	8-2	W-6
Tampa Bay	86	56	.606	4	6-4	W-1
Toronto	78	63	.553	11½	7-3	W-1
Boston	72	69	.511	17½	3-7	L-3
New York	70	71	.496	19½	7-3	L-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	74	67	.525	—	6-4	W-1
x-Cleveland	67	74	.475	7	5-5	L-1
Detroit	64	77	.454	10	5-5	L-1
Chicago	55	86	.390	19	3-7	W-2
Kansas City	44	98	.310	30½	3-7	L-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	80	62	.563	—	6-4	L-1
Seattle	79	62	.560	½	4-6	L-1
Texas	76	64	.543	3	3-7	L-4
x-Los Angeles	65	76	.461	14½	2-8	W-1
Oakland	44	97	.312	35½	6-4	W-2

x-Late game

Dodgers 8, Nationals 5

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Taylor lf	3	1	1	2	2	1	.234
Freeman 1b	4	2	3	0	1	0	.336
W.Smith c	2	0	0	0	3	2	.272
Martinez dh	4	1	1	3	0	2	.256
Muncy 3b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.207
Rosario 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Wong ph-2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.143
Hernández rf	4	2	2	1	1	0	.265
Outman cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.253
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.226
TOTALS	31	8	10	8	9	7	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams ss	4	2	2	2	0	2	.247
Meneses dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	.276
D.Smith 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Ruiz c	4	1	1	3	0	0	.255
Blankenhorn rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.263
Alu lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Kieboom 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.184
García 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Young cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.297
TOTALS	33	5	6	5	1	9	—

L.A.	200 204 000	—	8	10	0
WASHINGTON	300 020 000	—	5	6	0

LOB: Los Angeles 8, Washington 2. **2B:** Freeman (53), Taylor (14), Young (5). **HR:** Martinez (26), off Gore; Muncy (33), off Gore; Hernández (3), off Gore; Ruiz (17), off Sheehan; Abrams (16), off Sheehan. **RBI:** Martinez 3 (81), Muncy 2 (93), Hernández (18), Taylor 2 (48), Ruiz 3 (58), Abrams 2 (54). **SB:** Abrams (41). **CS:** Taylor (2), Abrams (3), Wong (1). **SF:** Martinez. **S:** Rojas.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sheehan	4⅓	6	5	5	1	4	73	5.79
Vesia	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	23	4.97
González	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	4.26
Brasier	1	0	0	0	0	1	14	0.86
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	2	11	2.18

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore	4	6	4	4	2	4	89	4.42
Thompson	⅓	1	0	0	2	1	17	5.40
Garcia	⅔	1	2	2	1	1	19	5.66
Weems	⅔	1	2	2	2	0	14	3.11
Ferrer	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	20	4.05
Machado	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4	5.54
Willingham	2⅓	0	0	0	1	1	41	6.75

WP: Vesia (1-5); **LP:** Garcia (0-2); **S:** Phillips (22). **Inherited runners-scored:** Garcia 3-0, Weems 2-2, Ferrer 2-1, Machado 2-0, Willingham 1-0. **IBB:** off Weems (Freeman). **HBP:** Ferrer (Outman). **T:** 3:08. **A:** 32,561 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

DODGERS FIRST
Chris Taylor walks. Freddie Freeman singles. Will Smith strikes out swinging. **J.D. Martinez homers, Freddie Freeman scores.** Max Muncy strikes out swinging.
Dodgers 2, Nationals 0
NATIONALS FIRST
CJ Abrams singles. Joey Meneses singles. CJ Abrams to second. Dominic Smith flies out. **Keibert Ruiz homers, Joey Meneses scores, CJ Abrams scores.** Travis Blankenhorn walks. Jake Alu grounds out. Travis Blankenhorn to second. Carter Kieboom strikes out swinging.
Nationals 3, Dodgers 2
DODGERS FOURTH
Max Muncy homers. Amed Rosario flies out. **Kike Hernandez homers.** James Outman grounds out. Miguel Rojas flies out.
Dodgers 4, Nationals 3
NATIONALS FIFTH
Jacob Young doubles. **CJ Abrams homers, Jacob Young scores.** Joey Meneses strikes out swinging. Dominic Smith pops out. Keibert Ruiz pops out.
Nationals 5, Dodgers 4
DODGERS SIXTH
Kike Hernandez singles. James Outman walks. Kike Hernandez to second. Miguel Rojas out on a sacrifice bunt. James Outman to second. Kike Hernandez to third. **Chris Taylor doubles, James Outman scores, Kike Hernandez scores.** Freddie Freeman is intentionally walked. Will Smith walks. Freddie Freeman to second. Chris Taylor to third. **J.D. Martinez out on a sacrifice fly, Chris Taylor scores. Max Muncy singles, Will Smith to third, Freddie Freeman scores.** Amed Rosario flies out.
Dodgers 8, Nationals 5

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Philadelphia	77	63	.550	+4
Chicago	76	66	.535	+2
Arizona	74	68	.521	—
Miami	73	68	.518	½
Cincinnati	73	70	.510	1½
x-San Francisco	70	70	.500	3

x-Late game

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	86	56	.606	+7½
Seattle	79	62	.560	+1
Toronto	78	63	.553	—
Texas	76	64	.543	1½
Boston	72	69	.511	6

NL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Mia	.353
Freeman, LA	.333
Acuña Jr., Atl	.331
Bellinger, Chi	.320
Betts, LA	.314
Harris II, Atl	.294

HOME RUNS

Olson, Atl	47
Alonso, NY	42
Schwarber, Phi	41
Betts, LA	38
Soler, Mia	35
Riley, Atl	34
Acuña Jr., Atl	34
Ozuna, Atl	33
Muncy, LA	32

ERA

Snell, SD	2.50
Steele, Chi	2.55
Senga, NY	3.08
Kelly, Ari	3.22
Morton, Atl	3.32
Elder, Atl	3.42

SAVES

Doval, SF	35
Díaz, Cin	35
Bednar, Pit	33
Williams, Mil	32
Hader, SD	28
Iglesias, Atl	28

AL leaders

Entering Friday's games.

BATTING

Seager, Tex	.339
Díaz, TB	.317
Bichette, Tor	.314
Ohtani, LA	.304
Yoshida, Bos	.292
Tucker, Hou	.290
Hays, Bal	.288
Merrifield, Tor	.283
Turner, Bos	.282

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LA	44
Robert Jr., Chi	35
García, Tex	34
Judge, NY	31
Devers, Bos	29

ERA

Cole, NY	2.90
Gray, Min	2.98
Bradish, Bal	3.03
Castillo, Sea	3.08
Valdez, Hou	3.30
Gausman, Tor	3.39
Kirby, Sea	3.39

SAVES

Clase, Cle	38
Bautista, Bal	33
Romano, Tor	32
Estévez, LA	29
Jansen, Bos	29
Pressly, Hou	29

Diamondbacks 1, Cubs 0

Zac Gallen pitched a three-hitter for his second career complete game, helping Arizona beat Chicago for its third straight win.

The Diamondbacks won for the fourth time in five games and moved within two games of the Cubs for the No. 2 spot in the NL wild-card standings.

Gallen struck out nine and walked one.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.283
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.275
Pham dh	4	0	0	0	0	4	.242
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Thomas cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.238
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.257
Moreno c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.280
Lawlar ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.143
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Perdomo 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.263
TOTALS	31	1	4	1	2	15	—

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tauchman dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.254
Hoerner 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Bellinger cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.318
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Suzuki rf	3	0	2	0	0	1	.278
Candelario 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Wisdom 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Madrigal 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Amaya c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Gomes ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.272
TOTALS	28	0	3	0	1	9	—

ARIZONA	000 000 010	—	1	4	0
CHICAGO	000 000 000	—	0	3	2

E: Amaya 2 (4). **LOB:** Arizona 5, Chicago 3.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen	9	3	0	0	1	9	3.31

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Taillon	6	1	0	0	1	9	5.27
Merryweather	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.29
Cuas	⅓	1	1	1	1	1	1.20
Leiter Jr.	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.19
Alzolay	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.76

WP: Gallen (15-7); **LP:** Cuas (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Leiter Jr. 2-1. **HBP:** Gallen (Hoerner). **T:** 2:16. **A:** 31,846 (41,363).

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Complete dominance

Diamondbacks right-hander Zac Gallen was in total command of the Cubs at Wrigley Field, delivering a three-hit shutout with nine strikeouts for his second career complete game Friday in Arizona's 1-0 victory.

White Sox 6, Tigers 0

Mike Clevinger combined with two relievers on a three-hitter and Luis Robert Jr. broke up rookie Reese Olson's no-hit bid to spark a go-ahead, two-run seventh inning as Chicago turned back Detroit.

Coming off a victory Wednesday at Kansas City, the White Sox won back-to-back road games for the first time since Aug. 5-6 at Cleveland.

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Anderson ss	4	1	0	0	1	2	.237
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.271
Robert Jr. cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.271
Jiménez dh	3	0	1	1	1	0	.274
Moncada 3b	4	1	2	3	0	1	.264
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.259
Andrus 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Grandal c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.236
Colás rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.219
TOTALS	34	6	8	6	2	8	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baddoo lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.221
McKinstry 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Carpenter rf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.297
Cabrera dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Ibáñez 2b	2	0	1	0	1	1	.249
Meadows cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Báez ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Lipcius ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.204
TOTALS	27	0	3	0	1	8	—

CHICAGO	000 000 240	—	6	8	0
DETROIT	000 000 000	—	0	3	0

LOB: Chicago 4, Detroit 2. **2B:** Robert Jr. (35), Colás (9), Benintendi (31), Ibáñez (20). **HR:** Moncada (8), off Olson.

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Clevinger	7	3	0	0	0	7	3.64
Ramsey	1	0	0	0	1	0	3.52
Shaw	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.29

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Olson	6⅔	2	2	2	1	5	4.50
Holton	⅓	3	2	2	0	0	2.23
White	1	3	2	2	1	1	5.09
Wingenter	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.73

WP: Clevinger (7-7); **LP:** Olson (3-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** White 2-2. **HBP:** Clevinger (Báez), Olson (Robert Jr.). **T:** 2:28. **A:** 18,483 (41,083).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Blue Jays: SS Bo Bichette, who has played in only eight games since the end of July because of an assortment of injuries, was activated from the 10-day injured list.

Dodgers: RHP Walker Buehler, a two-time all-star who was aiming to return this month, will be sidelined for the rest of the season as he works his way back from Tommy John surgery. In addition, the team activated DH J.D. Martinez from the IL.

Rockies: RHP Germán Márquez agreed to a two-year, $20 million deal that allows him to remain with Colorado while he recovers from Tommy John surgery.

Twins: Placed OF/1B Joey Gallo on the 10-day IL with a foot contusion and activated 1B/OF Alex Kirilloff (right shoulder strain) from the IL.

Yankees: Recalled LHP Nick Ramirez from Class AAA Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and placed RHP Albert Abreu on the 15-day IL with a right hamstring strain.

Rays 7, Mariners 4

René Pinto and Harold Ramírez hit two-run homers in the seventh inning, and Tampa Bay rallied to beat Seattle.

Isaac Paredes added a solo homer in the eighth for the Rays, who hold a 6½-game lead over the Mariners in the race for the top AL wild card.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.280
Raleigh c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.235
Hernández rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.271
Suárez 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.234
Canzone lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.229
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Ford dh	2	0	0	0	2	1	.230
Moore 2b	2	0	1	1	1	0	.220
Rojas ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.268
TOTALS	34	4	7	4	3	9	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.315
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	0	0	0	2	.231
H.Ramírez dh	3	2	1	2	0	0	.300
Arozarena lf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.256
Paredes 3b	4	1	3	2	0	1	.253
J.Lowe rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.281
Walls ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.210
Siri cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.223
Pinto c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.298
TOTALS	31	7	8	7	3	8	—

SEATTLE	021 010 000	—	4	7	0
TAMPA BAY	200 000 41X	—	7	8	0

LOB: Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 5. **2B:** Canzone (10), Moore (6), Hernández (28), Arozarena (16), Siri (13). **3B:** Siri (2). **HR:** Suárez (19), off Bradley; Rodríguez (28), off Bradley; Raleigh (27), off Bradley; Pinto (4), off Kirby; H.Ramírez (10), off Campbell; Paredes (29), off Leone.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby	6⅓	5	4	4	2	6	3.48
Campbell	⅔	1	2	2	1	1	2.86
Leone	1	2	1	1	0	1	12.0

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley	6⅓	6	4	4	2	5	5.44
Devenski	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.82
Fairbanks	1	0	0	0	1	3	2.35

WP: Devenski (1-2); **LP:** Campbell (4-1); **S:** Fairbanks (21). **Inherited runners-scored:** Devenski 1-0. **HBP:** Kirby (H.Ramírez). **T:** 2:34. **A:** 21,243 (25,025).

Braves 8, Pirates 2

Ronald Acuña Jr. homered for the seventh time in 11 games, Eddie Rosario went deep and drove in three runs, and major league-leading Atlanta beat Pittsburgh.

The Braves have won two straight following a three-game skid.

Acuña is bidding to become the first player in major league history with a 40-homer, 60-stolen base season.

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bae cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Reynolds dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.265
Hayes 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.267
Suwinski lf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.207
Rodríguez c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Palacios rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Peguero 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Rivas 1b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.203
A.Williams ss	3	0	1	0	0	2	.216
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	1	9	—

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	2	3	2	1	0	.334
Albies 2b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.264
Olson 1b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.274
Ozuna dh	5	1	1	0	0	0	.271
Rosario lf	4	2	2	3	0	2	.266
d'Arnaud c	4	0	1	2	0	2	.243
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.291
Arcia ss	4	1	3	1	0	1	.281
Lopez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.265
TOTALS	37	8	12	8	2	9	—

PITTSBURGH	000 002 000	—	2	6	1
ATLANTA	004 310 00X	—	8	12	0

E: A.Williams (3). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 8. **2B:** Bae (14), Hayes (23), Arcia (20). **HR:** Suwinski (24), off Elder; Acuña Jr. (35), off Keller; Rosario (21), off Keller.

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller	5	12	8	8	0	4	4.23
Hernandez	2	0	0	0	1	4	4.26
Stratton	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder	7	4	2	2	1	9	3.38
Lee	1	2	0	0	0	0	3.47
Heller	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.86

WP: Elder (12-4); **LP:** Keller (11-9). **HBP:** Keller (Olson). **T:** 2:14. **A:** 40,452 (41,149).

Cardinals 9, Reds 4

Willson Contreras hit a three-run, first-inning homer, Luken Baker added a three-run double, and St. Louis beat Cincinnati.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Edman ss	4	1	0	0	0	1	.246
O'Neill lf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.245
Goldschmidt 1b	3	2	0	0	2	2	.275
Arenado 3b	5	2	3	1	0	0	.273
Contreras c	4	2	1	3	1	1	.254
Baker dh	3	0	1	3	0	1	.217
Burleson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Gorman 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Walker rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.275
Nootbaar cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.274
TOTALS	36	9	9	8	4	9	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bader cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.143
Benson ph-cf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.267
Steer 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.268
Renfroe dh	4	1	2	2	1	1	.235
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.241
Senzel lf	2	1	1	1	0	0	.223
Friedl ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Stephenson ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Encarnacion-Strand 1b-rf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.265
Fairchild rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.223
Martini ph-rf-lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Marte 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.254
Maile c	2	0	0	0	1	1	.239
TOTALS	36	4	10	3	5	7	—

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E: Marte (4). **LOB:** St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 12. **2B:** Baker (1), O'Neill (14), Nootbaar (19). **HR:** Contreras (18), off Abbott; Renfroe (1), off Rom; Senzel (11), off Rom.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rom	3⅔	7	4	4	2	0	7.79
VerHagen	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	4.17
Pallante	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	5.15
Lawrence	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	4.80
Liberatore	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	5.81
Gallegos	1	1	0	0	1	2	4.50
Helsley	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.89

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Abbott	4	4	6	6	3	3	3.64
Farmer	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.61
Shreve	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.70
Cruz	⅔	1	2	2	1	2	4.39
Antone	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.25
Law	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.83

WP: Liberatore (3-5); **LP:** Abbott (8-5). **Inherited runners-scored:** VerHagen 1-1, Liberatore 2-0. **HBP:** VerHagen (Steer), Lawrence (Maile), Cruz (Edman). **WP:** Cruz (2). **T:** 3:11. **A:** 29,870 (43,891).

Orioles 11, Red Sox 2

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Rutschman c	4	2	2	3	1	0	.274
Henderson ss	6	2	3	1	0	1	.254
Santander rf	2	1	1	0	3	0	.262
McKenna pr-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.254
O'Hearn dh	4	2	2	1	0	0	.305
Hicks ph-dh	2	0	2	2	0	0	.272
Mountcastle 1b	6	0	0	0	0	2	.274
Mullins cf	4	1	1	2	1	1	.247
Hays lf	4	2	1	1	1	0	.287
Frazier 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Westburg ph-2b	1	0	0	0	2	0	.266
R.Urías 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.269
TOTALS	39	11	14	10	9	5	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Verdugo rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.278
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Turner dh	3	0	1	1	0	2	.283
Abreu ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Casas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Duvall cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.260
Yoshida lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.290
Story ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.170
Valdez 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Rafaela ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.438
Wong c	2	1	2	1	1	0	.252
TOTALS	31	2	4	2	1	13	—

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E: Verdugo (3). **LOB:** Baltimore 12, Boston 3. **2B:** Henderson (25), Mullins (21), Verdugo (35), Turner (28). **3B:** Henderson (7). **HR:** O'Hearn (12), off Houck; Rutschman (18), off Schreiber; Wong (9), off Bradish. **RBI:** O'Hearn (51), Mullins 2 (63), Hays (59), Rutschman 3 (70), Henderson (71), Hicks 2 (25), Wong (35), Turner (92). **SF:** Rutschman.

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradish	6	4	2	2	0	9	3.03
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.93
Hall	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.48
López	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.75

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houck	5⅓	8	5	5	2	5	5.28
Jacques	1	0	0	0	2	0	4.91
Schreiber	1⅓	1	1	1	1	0	3.65
Bernardino	0	2	1	1	1	0	2.62
Walter	1⅓	3	4	4	3	0	7.20

WP: Bradish (11-6); **LP:** Houck (4-9). Bernardino pitched to 3 batters in the 8th **Inherited runners-scored:** Jacques 1-1, Schreiber 1-0, Walter 2-0. **IBB:** off Schreiber (Mullins). **HBP:** Jacques (R.Urías). **WP:** Bernardino. **T:** 3:01. **A:** 33,852 (37,755).

Bradish keeps rolling as O's pound Red Sox

ORIOLES 11, RED SOX 2

BY NATHAN RUIZ

BOSTON — Before the Baltimore Orioles played their first game at Fenway Park since the opening series of the season, Manager Brandon Hyde remarked on how far his team had come in the five months since.

Few players who made that initial trip to Boston have blossomed as much in that time as the right-hander Baltimore sent to the mound for Friday night's series opener against the Red Sox. In an 11-2 victory, second-year starter Kyle Bradish continued to state his case to be the Orioles' Game 1 starter come the postseason.

Thanks to Bradish's fifth straight quality start and support that included home runs from Ryan O'Hearn and Adley Rutschman, Baltimore's lead over the Tampa Bay Rays in the American League East remained at four games. Regardless of division standings, a playoff berth for the Orioles (89-51) could be guaranteed by the end of their upcoming homestand. They have won six straight and need one win over the next two days for a seventh straight series victory. Friday's win also ensured an 85th straight multigame series without being swept, extending Baltimore's AL record.

Before Friday, half of Bradish's outings against the Red Sox (72-69) had been disastrous. Three times in six career starts opposite Boston, the 26-year-old lasted fewer than three innings. In all, he allowed 26 earned runs in 25 career innings against the Red Sox.

He blitzed through the first three frames Friday, retiring the first eight Boston batters before Connor Wong's clean single up the middle. It was the only runner Bradish allowed through five innings.

— Baltimore Sun

TODAY

NL games

DODGERS AT NATIONALS, 4:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Miller (R)	9-3	3.80	12-5
Irvin (R)	3-5	4.35	10-11
DIAMONDBACKS AT CUBS, 2:20			
Kelly (R)	11-6	3.22	14-11
Steele (L)	16-3	2.55	19-7
MARLINS AT PHILLIES, 6:05			
Cueto (R)	1-3	5.54	2-5
Nola (R)	12-9	4.55	15-13
CARDINALS AT REDS, 6:40			
Thompson (L)	4-5	3.91	3-2
Spiers (R)	0-0	6.75	0-1
PIRATES AT BRAVES, 7:20			
Oviedo (R)	8-14	4.27	11-17
TBD	----	----	----
ROCKIES AT GIANTS, 9:05			
Anderson (R)	0-4	5.98	6-7
Webb (R)	9-12	3.51	13-16

NL scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Dodgers 10, at Miami 0
at Atlanta 8, St. Louis 5
Arizona 6, at Chicago Cubs 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Dodgers 8, at Washington 5
Arizona 1, at Chicago Cubs 0
at Atlanta 8, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 9, at Cincinnati 4
Miami 3, at Philadelphia 2
Colorado at San Francisco, late

AL games

ORIOLES AT RED SOX, 4:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Flaherty (R)	8-8	4.84	15-10
Sale (L)	6-3	4.46	11-5
ROYALS AT BLUE JAYS, 3:07			
Greinke (R)	1-14	5.34	5-18
Gausman (R)	10-8	3.39	14-13
MARINERS AT RAYS, 4:05			
TBD	----	----	----
Civale (R)	7-3	2.76	11-8
WHITE SOX AT TIGERS, 6:10			
Ureña (R)	0-4	9.82	0-5
Skubal (L)	4-3	3.77	4-7
ATHLETICS AT RANGERS, 7:05			
Muller (L)	1-5	7.62	5-8
Gray (R)	8-7	3.85	14-11
GUARDIANS AT ANGELS, 9:07			
Giolito (R)	7-12	4.88	8-20
Anderson (L)	5-6	5.56	11-12

AL scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 1, at Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 10, at N.Y. Yankees 3
at L.A. Angels 3, Cleveland 2

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 11, at Boston 2
at Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 4
Chicago White Sox 6, at Detroit 0
at Toronto 5, Kansas City 4
Oakland 6, at Texas 3
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late

Interleague games

BREWERS AT YANKEES, 2:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Miley (L)	7-4	3.33	11-8
King (R)	4-5	2.88	2-2
METS AT TWINS, 2:10			
Peterson (L)	3-7	5.40	6-11
Maeda (R)	3-7	4.73	7-10
PADRES AT ASTROS, 7:10			
Lugo (R)	6-6	3.49	9-13
Javier (R)	9-3	4.65	18-8

Interleague scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 8, at N.Y. Yankees 2
at Minnesota 5, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 11, at Houston 2

Marlins 3, Phillies 2

Jacob Stallings hit a two-run home run and Jesús Sánchez also went deep for Miami.

Bryan De La Cruz added a pair of hits for the Marlins, who are a half-game behind Arizona for the third and final wild-card spot in the National League.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.350
Bell dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.276
Burger 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.304
De La Cruz lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.259
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Hampson rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.278
J.Sánchez ph-rf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.273
Chisholm Jr. cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.254
Berti ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Wendle ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Stallings c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.198
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	2	8	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	5	0	1	0	0	3	.195
Turner ss	3	2	2	1	1	1	.265
Harper 1b	2	0	1	1	2	0	.294
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.294
Bohm 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.278
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Marsh lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.288
Pache ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.304
Rojas cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.280
TOTALS	31	2	5	2	5	8	—

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LOB: Miami 6, Philadelphia 8. **2B:** Burger (8). **HR:** J.Sánchez (13), off Domínguez; Stallings (3), off Strahm; Turner (23), off Pérez.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pérez	5	4	2	2	3	4	2.90
Robertson	1	0	0	0	1	1	6.92
Okert	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.44
Nardi	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0	2.77
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.30

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
C.Sánchez	5	4	0	0	1	4	3.26
Domínguez	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	3.92
Strahm	1⅓	1	1	1	0	1	3.36
Bellatti	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.70
Soto	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.96

WP: Robertson (1-4); **LP:** Strahm (8-4); **S:** Scott (6). **Inherited runners-scored:** Nardi 2-0, Strahm 1-0. **HBP:** Okert (Rojas). **T:** 2:44. **A:** 40,190 (42,901).

Blue Jays 5, Royals 4

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh inning, and Toronto held on to beat Kansas City and maintain its hold on the final AL wild-card berth.

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.280
Witt Jr. ss	4	1	1	0	1	2	.273
Perez 1b	5	0	3	1	0	1	.249
Melendez lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Olivares ph-lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.256
Velázquez dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.256
Fermin c	3	1	2	0	1	0	.281
Loftin 2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.368
Isbel cf	2	1	0	0	2	2	.230
Blanco rf	4	1	1	1	0	3	.238
TOTALS	34	4	9	4	6	13	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.258
Bichette ss	5	1	2	2	0	0	.315
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.266
Schneider dh	2	0	2	0	2	0	.403
Biggio 3b	1	0	0	0	2	1	.222
Clement ph-2b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.425
Merrifield 2b-lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Varsho lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Espinal ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Kirk c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.256
Heineman pr-c	1	1	0	0	0	1	.263
Kiermaier cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.277
TOTALS	32	5	9	5	5	9	—

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E: Fermin (9). **LOB:** Kansas City 9, Toronto 9. **2B:** Witt Jr. (26), Schneider 2 (9), Bichette (27), Guerrero Jr. (28). **3B:** Loftin (1), Kiermaier (6). **HR:** Blanco (2), off Kikuchi.

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snider	2	1	0	0	1	1	3.55
Marsh	4	3	1	1	2	6	5.95
Cox	⅓	1	1	1	0	1	4.79
Hernández	⅓	2	3	3	2	0	4.81
Davidson	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	6.28

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kikuchi	5	3	1	1	1	8	3.57
Hicks	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.21
Richards	⅔	2	1	1	1	1	4.06
Green	⅔	2	1	1	0	2	13.5
Mayza	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	1.32
Romano	1⅓	1	1	1	2	1	2.65

WP: Green (2-0); **LP:** Hernández (1-10); **S:** Romano (33). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hernández 1-1, Davidson 2-1, Green 2-0, Mayza 2-1, Romano 3-0. **WP:** Hernández (2), Davidson. **T:** 3:10. **A:** 26,493 (49,282).

Brewers 8, Yankees 2

William Contreras hit a go-ahead single in a three-run seventh inning, and Milwaukee dropped New York back below .500.

The Yankees' Jasson Domínguez, 20, became the youngest player since at least 1901 to homer four times in his first seven games.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.274
Contreras c	5	1	2	1	0	1	.281
Santana 1b	5	2	3	2	0	1	.235
Frelick cf-rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.243
Adames ss	4	1	2	3	0	0	.212
Tellez dh	5	0	1	0	0	2	.215
Canha rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.306
Wiemer pr-cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.207
Turang 2b	5	1	3	0	0	1	.222
Monasterio 3b	5	2	2	2	0	1	.271
TOTALS	42	8	16	8	2	11	—

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.242
Judge dh	2	1	1	0	2	1	.265
Domínguez cf	3	1	1	2	1	1	.296
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Wells c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.118
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Peraza 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.185
Bauers rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.203
Cabrera lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.207
TOTALS	30	2	3	2	5	9	—

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NEW YORK	002 000 000	—	2	3	2

E: Severino (2), Bauers (3). **LOB:** Milwaukee 10, New York 6. **2B:** Monasterio 2 (12), Adames (20), Peraza (5). **HR:** Adames (24), off Severino; Domínguez (4), off Rea.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rea	4⅔	3	2	2	2	6	5.02
Uribe	1⅓	0	0	0	2	1	1.59
Megill	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.49
Wilson	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.82
Vieira	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Severino	4	4	2	2	1	5	6.65
Brito	2⅓	3	1	1	1	3	4.83
Loáisiga	⅔	3	2	2	0	0	1.62
Weissert	1	5	3	3	0	2	6.30
Kahnle	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.50

WP: Uribe (1-0); **LP:** Brito (6-7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Brito 1-0, Loáisiga 1-1. **HBP:** Severino (Adames). **T:** 3:02. **A:** 37,115 (47,309).

Twins 5, Mets 2

Andrew Stevenson scored the go-ahead run in the seventh when he stole third and continued home on catcher Francisco Álvarez's throwing error, and Minnesota beat New York.

Caleb Thielbar pitched a scoreless seventh in relief of Dallas Keuchel, who allowed two runs and three hits in five innings.

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Alvarez c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.214
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.225
Lindor ss	4	0	1	2	0	2	.251
Vientos dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.208
McNeil rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.266
Mauricio 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.364
Baty 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.215
Locastro lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.167
Ortega ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.229
TOTALS	30	2	4	2	3	11	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.272
Polanco 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.261
Lewis 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.320
Kepler rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.248
Correa ss	3	1	2	1	1	1	.232
Kirilloff 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Vázquez c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Wallner lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.226
Stevenson pr-cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Castro cf-lf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.247
TOTALS	31	5	8	4	5	8	—

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E: Alvarez (12). **LOB:** New York 4, Minnesota 7. **2B:** Alonso (16), Lindor (31), Lewis 2 (7), Correa (27). **HR:** Correa (18), off Senga.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Senga	6	4	2	2	4	5	3.07
Reid-Foley	⅔	2	3	3	1	2	4.05
Hartwig	⅓	2	0	0	0	0	5.19
Coonrod	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.11

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keuchel	5	3	2	2	2	6	4.78
Pagán	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.38
Thielbar	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.22
Jax	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.88
Duran	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.56

WP: Thielbar (3-1); **LP:** Reid-Foley (0-1); **S:** Duran (25). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hartwig 1-1. **T:** 2:34. **A:** 26,154 (38,544).

Athletics 6, Rangers 3

Shea Langeleirs slugged a two-out, two-run home run in the sixth inning to break a tie as Oakland sent reeling Texas to its 16th loss in 20 games to move out of the MLB basement, passing Kansas City.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gelof 2b	4	1	2	0	1	1	.274
Rooker rf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.243
Butler cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Noda 1b	5	0	1	2	0	2	.234
Díaz lf	3	0	2	0	0	1	.230
Brown ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.213
Diaz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Kemp ph-dh	0	0	0	0	1	0	.215
K.Smith 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.206
Langeliers c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.203
Allen ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.211
Ruiz cf-rf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.252
TOTALS	35	6	10	6	5	10	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	2	2	0	0	0	.278
Seager ss	4	1	1	2	0	2	.338
Lowe 1b	3	0	1	1	2	0	.276
Garver dh	4	0	1	0	1	1	.282
Heim c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.264
Taveras cf	3	0	2	0	1	1	.266
Duran lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.276
J.Smith 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Carter rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.333
TOTALS	34	3	9	3	6	10	—

OAKLAND	110 012 100	—	6	10	1
TEXAS	200 100 000	—	3	9	0

E: Díaz (5). **LOB:** Oakland 7, Texas 11. **2B:** Gelof (16), Díaz (18), K.Smith (2), Noda (20), Semien (34). **HR:** Ruiz (4), off Montgomery; Langeliers (17), off Montgomery; Seager (29), off Blackburn.

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Blackburn	3	6	2	2	3	5	3.88
Lucas	1	2	1	1	2	1	9.00
Sweet	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Erceg	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.44
Jiménez	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.02
May	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.79

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montgomery	5⅔	8	5	5	1	6	4.20
Leclerc	1	2	1	1	2	0	3.09
Kennedy	1⅔	0	0	0	2	2	6.23
Burke	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.26

WP: Sweet (1-0); **LP:** Montgomery (2-2); **S:** May (19). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kennedy 2-0, Burke 1-0. **HBP:** Sweet (Seager). **WP:** Montgomery. **T:** 3:04. **A:** 28,203 (40,000).

Padres 11, Astros 2

Blake Snell pitched six strong innings and Trent Grisham had a homer and four RBI as San Diego cooled off red-hot Houston.

Snell yielded five hits and two runs with eight strikeouts to get his third straight win. It was the first time in three starts that he allowed a run, but he still leads the majors with a 2.52 ERA.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kim 3b	4	2	2	2	1	0	.273
Tatis Jr. rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.260
Soto lf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.258
Azocar lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Machado dh	5	1	2	2	0	1	.253
Bogaerts ss	5	1	1	1	0	0	.271
Campusano c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.302
Carpenter 1b	2	1	0	0	1	1	.172
Batten 2b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.273
Grisham cf	4	2	2	4	0	1	.205
TOTALS	37	11	10	11	4	9	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.315
Peña ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.263
Alvarez lf	1	1	1	1	3	0	.295
Bregman 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.272
Kessinger 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.288
Dubón rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.275
J.Abreu 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.237
McCormick cf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.285
Diaz dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.283
Maldonado c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.186
TOTALS	32	2	6	2	4	9	—

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HOUSTON	100 001 000	—	2	6	0

LOB: San Diego 4, Houston 7. **2B:** Soto (27), Machado (20), Peña (29), J.Abreu (19), Diaz (19). **HR:** Bogaerts (17), off Brown; Grisham (13), off Urquidy.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell	6	5	2	2	3	8	2.52
Barlow	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.66
Kerr	2	1	0	0	1	0	4.87

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brown	4⅓	6	6	6	2	5	4.78
Maton	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.26
Urquidy	4	4	5	5	2	3	5.98

WP: Snell (13-9); **LP:** Brown (10-11). **Inherited runners-scored:** Maton 1-0. **HBP:** Urquidy (Carpenter). **T:** 3:00. **A:** 39,516 (41,000).

Nats go toe-to-toe with Dodgers before bullpen buckles

DODGERS 8, NATIONALS 5

BY ANDREW GOLDEN

The Washington Nationals and Los Angeles Dodgers played hot potato with the lead Friday night, neither team wanting to take control through the first five innings. Then the Nationals' bullpen pushed the game firmly in the Dodgers' hands.

The Dodgers turned a one-run deficit into a three-run lead in the sixth inning thanks to three hits and three walks and held firm for an 8-5 win at Nationals Park. Seven Nationals pitchers threw Friday night, and they combined to walk nine hitters on a staggering 204 total pitches. The first five combined to walk eight hitters. The only pitcher who didn't walk a batter was Andrés Machado, who entered in the seventh and got a double play before a rain delay stopped the game for about 90 minutes. Amos Willingham covered the final 2⅓ innings following the delay and walked another.

MacKenzie Gore started after skipping a turn while on the bereavement list. And behind him were CJ Abrams at shortstop and Luis García at second base, a double play combination that was expected to be the team's middle infield duo for this season and the foreseeable future. But as Abrams improved, García's production dropped off after an encouraging start. He was sent down Aug. 3, with the team hoping he would improve his preparation before games to see better results during them. Just over a month later, the Nationals gave him another chance.

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Nationals reliever Jordan Weems, center, allowed two runs in two-thirds of an inning vs. the Dodgers.

"I can't say that initially I was very happy with the decision, more I guess I didn't understand it," García said before Friday's game. "But . . . I started just kind of thinking about it and realized that it's part of the game to help me so that I can improve in certain aspects of my game. And I looked at it that way. And I went down there to work, and it's a learning experience. And I feel like I did that, but I'm back up here trying to just do what I can to finish strong."

"He is still a big part of our future, but I want him to understand that he needs to do the right things every day," said Manager Dave Martinez, who plans to use García against righties. "Even when things are going bad hitting-wise, he needs to play good defense. He needs to be engaged. He needs to play second base every day the way we ask him to play it. He understands that. He worked really hard to get better, and hopefully the hard work pays off up here."

Gore started the game by walking Chris Taylor, a hint of what was to come. Gore picked off Taylor to get the first out the game but allowed a two-run home run to J.D. Martinez later in the frame. But Keibert Ruiz, the former top prospect for the Dodgers, blasted a three-run home run in the bottom of the inning to put the Nationals up. Ruiz has four home runs against Los Angeles this year.

The Nationals' offense was able to keep up with the Dodgers', even after Max Muncy and Kiké Hernandez hit solo home runs in the fourth to put Los Angeles back out in front 4-3. Abrams hit a two-run home run in the fifth to dead center to give the Nationals a 5-4 lead.

But Washington couldn't avoid the unforced errors. Gore, Mason Thompson and Jordan Weems each walked two. Robert Garcia and Jose A. Ferrer issued one free pass a piece. The walks kept coming, and against the division-leading Dodgers, they came back to haunt the Nationals.

Here's what else to know about the Nationals' loss:

Injury updates

Lane Thomas missed his third straight game and hasn't played since Sunday as he deals with a back injury that he aggravated in Toronto. Martinez watched Thomas take swings in the cage, and Thomas was running on the field during batting practice with team trainers keeping a close eye on him.

Ruiz's backup, Riley Adams, was placed on the 10-day injured list with a broken left hamate bone to make room for García. Adams fouled a ball off Wednesday and winced before leaving in the middle of the at-bat. Adams, 27, will have surgery to remove the hamate bone Monday, ending a promising season for the team's backup catcher who made strides in his second full season in the majors. Adams finished the year with a .273 batting average and .807 OPS in 143 at-bats. He hit .176 in 142 at-bats a year ago.

Martinez said it's "going to be hard" for Victor Robles to return to the majors this year. Robles hasn't played since late June. He tried to return from a back injury suffered in May only to go back on the injured list after playing just five games in between IL stints. Robles has been rehabbing and staying around the clubhouse since, and Martinez said he doesn't plan to push him to return.

Scouting shift

The Nationals are moving longtime scouting director Kris Kline into a new position as a special assistant to General Manager Mike Rizzo, three people close to the situation said.

Kline had been in charge of the team's draft since Rizzo became general manager in 2009. Now he will stay on the staff as a scout on the pro side.

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Wednesday	6:35	MASN2
Thursday	12:35	MASN
at Milwaukee Brewers		
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With controversies behind him, Berhalter wants to 'keep moving forward'

BY STEVEN GOFF

ST. LOUIS — In the time since he last coached a U.S. men's national soccer team match, Gregg Berhalter found himself in a rift with a player's parents and the subject of an investigation stemming from an incident more than 30 years ago. His contract expired. He interviewed for jobs abroad, and amid executive changes at the U.S. Soccer Federation, the prospects of returning to the U.S. sideline seemed dim at best.

And yet Saturday, Berhalter will coach the U.S. national team again.

A lot has happened, but nothing has changed.

"You pick right up where you left off," Berhalter said on the eve of a low-key friendly here against Uzbekistan. "We built some really strong relationships over these last four years. The whole group has been working at a really high level for these last eight months. It's been really nice to see from afar."

The USSF's decision to rehire Berhalter took many in American circles by surprise because of the messy off-field sideshow last winter involving young star Gio Reyna and Reyna's parents, who were once close friends with Berhalter and his wife.

It also came after the governing body, which had just hired outsider Matt Crocker as the sporting director to oversee the national teams, said it was conducting a global search that could run deep into the summer.

Nonetheless, the USSF pivoted back to Berhalter in June. B.J. Callaghan — the second of two interim coaches to run the team after the post-World Cup drama — oversaw two summer tournaments before yielding to Berhalter for this 10-day camp, which also features a friendly against Oman on Tuesday in St. Paul, Minn.

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Gregg Berhalter will coach his first game Saturday since he returned to the U.S. men's national team.

"Seeing from afar when I was out of it, the group and how they function, I thought they did a really good job," Berhalter said. "It's a really strong culture. And the way I would look at it is continuing to build on the strong foundation. That's going to take time. We have three years to do it."

Berhalter, 50, signed a contract through the 2026 World Cup, which the United States, Mexico and Canada will host. He has the backing of his core players, many of whom have been effusive in their support.

"We've just built this level of team chemistry," forward Christian Pulisic said. "That's pretty rare within a team, from my experience. It's a special group. And we've been pretty well prepared. You want to feel comfortable going into the games and have a team that has just a real good camaraderie in general — guys who enjoy playing with each other — and that's definitely what he's brought."

Goalkeeper Matt Turner said the U.S. team has "gone through a lot of experiences together, an entire World Cup cycle and the World Cup, and I think [Berhalter has] probably learned a lot. I'm really excited the way he's relating with guys, keeping in contact with people. The communication lines have been really solid. We're excited for what's to come."

Expectations are high around a U.S. team that was the second youngest at the World Cup and has placed several players in prominent European leagues in recent years.

"One of the challenges for the group is going to be: Can they have that same level of progress in these next three years that they've had in the last four years?" Berhalter said.

Berhalter is working closely with Crocker to plot a course for World Cup success. Berhalter has declined to go into detail, and Crocker has not spoken to reporters in several months.

"We spent three days together and really dissected every area, whether it's scheduling, the player pool, programs they want to implement and basically working to create a strategic plan," Berhalter said.

Pulisic said this week that "nothing major has changed" in terms of training and tactics. "I don't think there's been any reason to change. We've been on a real positive path."

Though the talent pool will change as young players emerge and older ones fade, Berhalter begins his second term with many of his World Cup regulars, including Pulisic, Turner, Weston McKennie, Tim Ream, Sergiño Dest, Antonee Robinson, Yunus Musah and Tim Weah.

Injuries or fitness issues prevented him from calling in captain Tyler Adams, Josh Sargent and Reyna, among others. Physical availability aside, the Reyna situation remains unresolved and delicate.

Though many months have passed, Berhalter and the player have yet to clear the air about the post-World Cup episode.

"It's understanding the sensitivity around the issues, understanding the right time, in the right way," Berhalter said of the timing around a meeting. "I look forward to having conversations with him. I look forward to watching his progress [with German club Borussia Dortmund] and hopefully him getting back on the field" for U.S. matches next month.

At the World Cup, Reyna did not play much, though at the time, the reasons were not made public. Later, it was revealed Berhalter had been unhappy with Reyna's work ethic and attitude. Reyna said he acted out after being told he wouldn't play a large role in the tournament.

After the World Cup, at what he was told was an off-the-record speech, Berhalter cited a player's lack of effort but did not name Reyna specifically. Organizers posted the transcript. Reyna's parents — who were once best friends with Berhalter and his wife — fumed. Danielle Reyna told the USSF that Berhalter had abused his now-wife 30 years ago. (He had not been charged with a crime.) Berhalter accused the Reynas of blackmail.

In March, after an investigation found Berhalter had not misled the USSF about the incident, the federation said Berhalter would remain a candidate for the coaching job.

Now he's back at the helm, with a cupboard that's anything but bare.

"We like what's been built, but we want to keep getting better," Berhalter said. "That was the message to the guys. We have three years to keep improving. What phases do we need to improve? What wrinkles do we need to put in to help us get there? . . . How do we keep moving forward and not being happy with where we were?"

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SOCCER ROUNDUP

Spanish prosecutors accuse Rubiales of sexual assault and coercion over kiss

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Spanish state prosecutors accused Luis Rubiales of sexual assault for kissing a player on the lips without her consent after the World Cup final along with coercion, the country's prosecutors' office said Friday.

Rubiales, the now-suspended president of the Spanish soccer federation, kissed Jenni Hermoso during the awards ceremony after Spain beat England to win the title Aug. 20 in Sydney. Prosecutors presented their case for potential criminal charges against Rubiales to Spain's National Court in Madrid two days after Hermoso formally accused him of sexual assault.

FIFA suspended Rubiales from his post Aug. 27, a day after he refused to step down when he delivered a defiant speech to the general assembly of his federation in which he said he was victim of a "witch hunt" by "false feminists." He was banned from his post for 90 days while FIFA disciplinary judges consider his case. Soccer's governing body can impose sanctions on individuals ranging from warnings and fines to suspensions from the sport.

According to a sexual consent law passed last year, Rubiales could face a fine or a prison sentence of one to four years if found guilty of sexual assault. The new law eliminated the difference between "sexual harassment" and "sexual assault," sanctioning any unconsented sexual act.

Prosecutors added Friday that Rubiales could have committed an act of coercion when, according to Hermoso, he pressured her to speak out in his defense immediately after the scandal erupted regarding his behavior.

Rubiales has insisted the kiss was consensual. Hermoso has denied that in statements issued by her and her players union.

Prosecutors asked that Rubiales appear before a court to give preliminary testimony.

If the National Court judge agrees the hear the case, it would lead to a formal court investigation that will end with a recommendation for the case to either be dismissed or go to trial.

• **QATAR:** After spells with some of European soccer's biggest clubs, Philippe Coutinho joined Al Duhail on a season-long loan from Aston Villa.

The former Liverpool, Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan playmaker's move comes after a slew of the sport's biggest stars have been lured to Saudi Arabia's lucrative league.

Al Duhail described the Brazil international as a "great asset" after confirming his arrival.

The 31-year-old Coutinho was a record signing for Barcelona when he joined the Catalan club in a deal worth up to 160 million euros (then $192 million) in 2018.

• **ENGLAND:** Virgil van Dijk was given an additional one-match suspension and fined 100,000 pounds ($125,000) for his reaction to being sent off in Liverpool's match against Newcastle last month.

Neymar tops Pelé

Neymar scored his record 78th and 79th goals for Brazil in a 5-1 World Cup qualifying win over Bolivia.

Neymar's goals in the Amazon city of Belem put him two above the total of three-time World Cup winner Pelé as the Selecao's top goal scorer.

He celebrated with a punch in the air as Pelé usually did.

Earlier, Uruguay beat Chile, 3-1, in Montevideo in the first official match for Coach Marcelo Bielsa for the hosts. Uruguay did not play either of its two veteran goal scorers — Edinson Cavani and Luis Suárez — as the team goes through a rebuilding process under the Argentine coach.

• **EUROPE:** Lamine Yamal became the youngest player to score for Spain in a 7-1 win over Georgia in European Championship qualifying, and Alvaro Morata grabbed a hat trick in Tbilisi, Georgia.

At age 16 years 57 days, Yamal struck in the 74th minute to round off the rout and bettered Gavi's mark as Spain's previous youngest scorer at 17 years 10 months. . . .

Scott McTominay moved ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo and Harry Kane as the joint leading scorer in European Championship qualifying with Scotland on the verge of securing a place at next year's tournament.

McTominay continued his unlikely goal spree as the Scots extended their perfect record in Group A by beating Cyprus, 3-0.

Shelton builds on buzz, but Djokovic is moving on to play Medvedev in the final

U.S. OPEN FROM **D1**

that sounded more college football than tennis.

"Well, I said I needed to play 11 out of 10 [to beat Alcaraz]; I played 12 out of 10 except the third set," Medvedev said on court after. ". . . To beat him, you need to be better than yourself, and I managed to do it."

Djokovic bested Shelton with far less drama but equally stunning skill.

A former NCAA singles champion from Florida, Shelton, 20, began the Grand Slam season with a quarterfinal run to the Australian Open and ended it as the youngest American man to advance to the semifinals in New York since Michael Chang in 1992.

He did it primarily with a thunderous lefty serve, the best in the U.S. Open that helped him accumulate 26 aces in his third-round match alone. The fewest he served in a match, not counting the seven he had in an abbreviated second-round bout because of his opponent retiring, was 14.

Against Djokovic, he served just five.

The greatest returner in the game dampened Shelton's best weapon enough to win his record 47th Grand Slam semifinal. And because he is also the best in the game at absorbing and turning his opponents' greatest powers against them, he mimed answering a phone call before slamming the imaginary receiver down, "hanging up" on Shelton in a mockery of the American's post-match celebration from his quarterfinal win Wednesday.

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Ben Shelton, 20, became the youngest American man to reach the U.S. Open semifinals since 1992.

That earned Djokovic a vicious glare from Shelton when the two met to shake hands at the net, though the youngster later gave Djokovic his due leeway.

"I don't like when I'm on social media and I see people telling me how I can celebrate or can't celebrate," Shelton said. "You know, I think if you win the match, you deserve to do whatever you want."

For everyone else, the message was clear. Djokovic was marking his territory.

It's terrain Medvedev knows well: Djokovic owns a 9-5 record against the Russian, who like all Russians and Belarusians in pro tennis is playing under a neutral flag while the war in Ukraine continues.

"The challenge is that you play a guy who won 23 Grand Slams, so," Medvedev said in his on-court interview Friday. "And I have only one. When I beat him here, I managed to play better than myself, and I need to do it again. There is no other way."

Medvedev reached his third U.S. Open final in five years with uncommon speed and incredible confidence as one of the best hard-court players on tour.

But he was facing the reigning Wimbledon champion and last year's U.S. Open winner. Alcaraz was attempting to become the first back-to-back men's champion in New York since Roger Federer won the last of his five consecutive titles in 2008.

Down two sets, Alcaraz looked neither rattled nor the least bit tired as he charged into unfamiliar territory. He is now 0-6 in his career after losing the first two sets yet took advantage of a brief dip in Medvedev's level in the third set to take control of points and run him ragged, repeatedly coaxing the Russian to net with featherlight drop shots. Medvedev would sprint to ball, hit a return but be out of position for Alcaraz's next shot.

"My defense was great; there were some points I lost, but I was like wow, I got some balls that were really tough," Medvedev said. ". . . I was in a zone, and when I'm in the zone I'm a great defender."

The Spaniard was unrelenting. When he wasn't bringing Medvedev forward, he was varying his pace in baseline rallies to drag him from side to side and earned a standing ovation when he broke for a 3-1 lead. He took the set in 46 minutes.

Yet Medvedev regained control by winning the pivotal sixth game of the fourth set, which lasted roughly 13 minutes and ended with a volley into the next after Medvedev hit a searing return off the Alcaraz serve.

"Well, he's one of the best returners on the tour," Alcaraz said. "That obviously is amazing how he can return from the back of the court really deep and really powerful. He's amazing. And when I do serve and volley, he always find the passing shot from, you know, from his house. In some ways, amazing."

Winning that game served the same purpose as running down every Alcaraz shot in the third set even if he didn't win the point — Medvedev was not content to fade away Friday.

Serving for the set at 5-3, Medvedev went for his biggest serves, clearly trying to win quickly, and had two consecutive double faults as a result. Alcaraz saved three match points, but there was no outrunning or outhitting the inevitable. Medvedev was in control.

Germany ends U.S. run at World Cup gold medal

USA BASKETBALL FROM **D1**

After stifling Italy's offense in the quarterfinals, USA Basketball couldn't find reliable defensive answers against a German squad that featured four NBA players: Dennis Schröder, Franz Wagner, Mo Wagner and Daniel Theis. But the Americans' biggest challenge was stopping Andreas Obst, a smooth-shooting Bayern Munich guard who scored a game-high 24 points and hit a clutch three-pointer to help seal the win.

U.S. Coach Steve Kerr said his team wasn't "ever able to make [Germany] feel us defensively," and he bemoaned an early lack of energy on the defensive glass that helped Obst establish a rhythm.

"I thought [Obst] was the key to the game," Kerr said. "He was one of our keys going in. We didn't get him under control, and that really hurt us."

After falling into a quick 7-2 hole, the Americans trailed 25-15 in the first quarter before battling back to take a halftime lead. The Germans responded well after halftime, rebuilding a double-digit lead in the third quarter and controlling the action with a diverse scoring attack.

When USA Basketball committed too many defenders on Theis inside, Germany moved the ball to find open shooters. Schröder and Wagner consistently found driving lanes past USA Basketball's perimeter defenders, and Obst shot 6 for 11 from the field and 4 for 8 from beyond the arc.

Germany, the tournament's lone remaining unbeaten team at 7-0, conquered its late-game execution issues to secure the win. The Germans conceded a 22-5 closing run to lose to USA Basketball in an Aug. 20 exhibition, and they nearly blew a 10-point lead in the final three minutes in a narrow win over Latvia in the quarterfinals.

This time, Germany's offense avoided devolving into stilted isolation play or hurried mistakes. When Anthony Edwards hit a three-pointer and Austin Reaves made two free throws to cut Germany's lead to 108-107 with 90 seconds left, Obst drilled a three-pointer in the right corner to push the lead back to four. Isaac Bonga then blocked a Mikal Bridges drive on the Americans' ensuing possession, setting up Schröder for a dagger midrange jumper with 40 seconds left.

"[Obst] is one of the best shooters in FIBA," Germany Coach Gordie Herbert said. "He can do more than shoot, as you saw tonight. He can drive and make a play. He creates space. He had a huge game."

The United States, which entered the tournament as a heavy favorite, kept fighting in the closing seconds, but Edwards threw a pass out of bounds with 27.2 seconds left to effectively end the comeback bid. In addition to

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Germany's Andreas Obst (42) scored a game-high 24 points in Friday's win over the United States.

some untimely turnovers in the second half, the Americans fouled three-point shooters on multiple occasions to gift the Germans extra points at the free throw line.

Kerr's first run as coach will end with a third- or fourth-place finish, an improvement over USA Basketball's seventh-place finish at the 2019 FIBA World Cup but one that will fall short of the program's gold-or-bust expectations.

"I couldn't be prouder of our guys for how hard they played," Kerr said. "This team is very worthy of winning a championship. We just didn't get it done. . . . The game has been globalized over the last 30 years or so. These games are difficult. This is not 1992 anymore."

Germany's 113 points were its highest-scoring output of the tournament and the most USA Basketball, which fell to 5-2, conceded in its seven games. Six German players, including Obst, finished in double figures. Franz Wagner finished with 22 points and five rebounds, and Theis added 21 points and seven rebounds. Schröder bounced back from a poor showing against Latvia to finish with 17 points and nine assists.

"Every run that we had, they had timely buckets," said Brunson, who finished with 15 points and seven assists. "We're expected to win year in and year out because of the history of USA Basketball. That's just the outside opinion. We didn't come ready to play from the start."

Edwards scored a team-high 23 points for USA Basketball, but he shot just 2 for 8 from deep. While Reaves added 21 points off the bench, Tyrese Haliburton suffered through an uncharacteristically poor shooting night, and USA Basketball's second unit wasn't able to dictate the action as well as it has through much of the tournament.

The Americans were outrebounded 30-28, and center Jaren Jackson Jr., the team's defensive anchor, was largely ineffective, finishing with eight points, three rebounds and no blocks in 19 minutes.

Germany, which won bronze at last summer's EuroBasket tournament, will claim its first FIBA World Cup medal since it took bronze in 2002. A win over Serbia would cement its first gold medal at the Olympics or the FIBA World Cup.

"From the moment we got together, I think everybody felt that we let one slip away last year and that we were better than the bronze that we got," Franz Wagner said. "From the first day that we got together this summer, we felt like we were a special group and we could win against any team."

USA Basketball will seek its fourth medal in its past five FIBA World Cup appearances when it plays Canada for bronze. The Canadians have never medaled in the tournament.

"This is going to sting for a little bit," Brunson said. "We're going to go back and eat, wake up, and tomorrow's going to be a new day. This is a tough loss. We've got to use it as fuel."

In Friday's other semifinal, Atlanta Hawks guard Bogdan Bogdanovic scored a game-high 23 points for Serbia, which placed five players in double figures, while Shai Gilgeous-Alexander battled early foul trouble and finished with 15 points, nine assists and two rebounds for Canada in the loss.

Despite playing without two-time NBA MVP Nikola Jokic, Serbia advanced to the championship game with a 6-1 record thanks to a well-oiled offense that managed to shoot 62.1 percent against the Canadians. With the win, the Serbians clinched their first FIBA World Cup medal since they took silver in 2014.

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FOOTBALL

In a big-time matchup, Bruins pull away late

BROADNECK 28, ARUNDEL 7

BY MICHAEL ERRIGO

Friday night's game between Arundel and Broadneck had long been a highly anticipated matchup in Anne Arundel County, where these two programs have been dominant of late. Last fall, both Arundel (a 3A program) and Broadneck (4A) finished undefeated in county play.

"I think last season we were the best county teams in our respective classifications and everybody wanted to see that game," Broadneck Coach Rob Harris said a few days before Friday's meeting in Gambrills. "Now, even if it's a year later, they're going to get to see it."

What they saw was a tense, somewhat sloppy game between two teams still finding themselves. Typical of a high school contest in early September, the evening featured a parade of penalties and miscues. It was Broadneck that best withstood the madness and came away with a win, pulling away late for a 28-7 victory.

"It's only Week 2, so we know that we're a work in progress, especially mentally," senior defensive back Patrick Doyle said. "We had a bunch of flags out there, and everyone's responsible for that. So we have a lot to work on after this win."

Doyle helped break open the game for the Bruins (1-1) early in the fourth quarter. Arundel, trailing 13-7, faced fourth and one from its 25. The Wildcats (1-1) brought out a jumbo package and prepared to run the ball up the gut. Instead, the snap went flying past its intended target and landed in a vast expanse of empty turf. Doyle scooped it up and ran into the end zone, pushing the Bruins' lead to two scores.

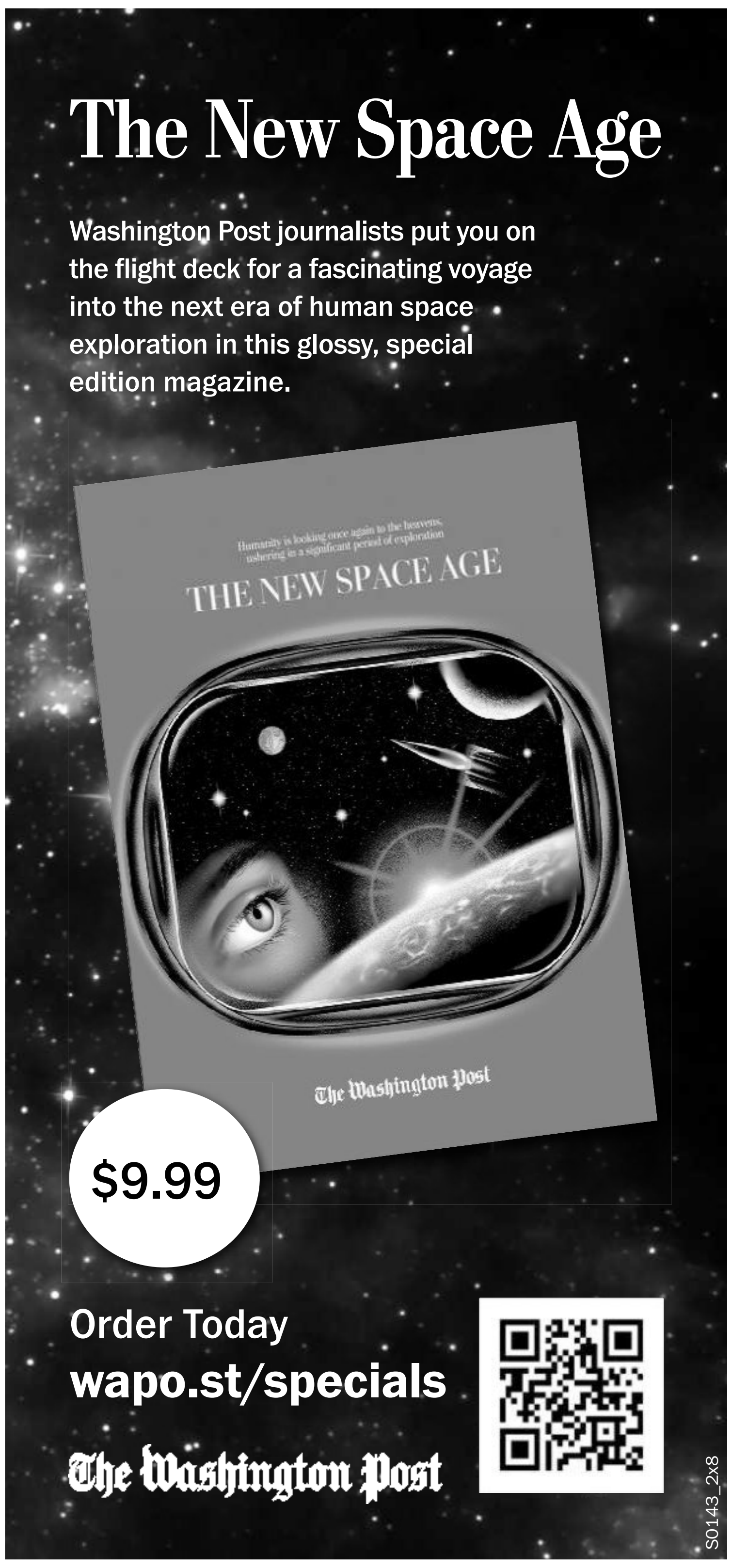
"Talk about a lucky bounce. It came right towards me," Doyle said. "I'm glad I got that moment and got to prove that I can play ball."

The Wildcats fumbled again on the ensuing kickoff, and Broadneck took advantage. Junior running back Ian Mauldin punched it in to make the score 28-7.

The running game was a steady presence for the Bruins, who are still sorting things out at quarterback. Junior Nate Tapley, a transfer from Stephen Decatur High in Worcester County, played the first half and threw for a touchdown. Junior CJ Watkins played the second half, lending his dual-threat abilities to a more run-heavy attack.

"It wasn't pretty, and it wasn't really our style, but it was what it was," Harris said. "I saw a lot of toughness today. It didn't go well, particularly early on, but we kept grinding away."

The game was paused for inclement weather with 4:22 remaining and Broadneck up by three touchdowns. The teams returned to the field about 40 minutes later, finishing the game without any fans. The Bruins closed out a big early-season win in the relative quiet of an empty stadium, their sideline cheers the only noise to be heard at the final whistle.



SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Las Vegas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	20	21

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S RESULT
Detroit 21, at Kansas City 20

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Washington (-7), 1 (Fox)
Houston at Baltimore (-10), 1 (CBS)
Carolina at Atlanta (-3½), 1 (Fox)
Cincinnati (-1½) at Cleveland, 1 (CBS)
Jacksonville (-4½) at Indianapolis, 1 (Fox)
Tampa Bay at Minnesota (-5½), 1 (CBS)
Tennessee at New Orleans (-3), 1 (CBS)
San Francisco (-2½) at Pittsburgh, 1 (Fox)
Green Bay at Chicago (-1½), 4:25 (Fox)
Las Vegas at Denver (-3½), 4:25 (CBS)
Miami at L.A. Chargers (-3), 4:25 (CBS)
Philadelphia (-4) at New England, 4:25 (CBS)
L.A. Rams at Seattle (-4½), 4:25 (Fox)
Dallas (-3½) at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 (NBC)

MONDAY'S GAME
Buffalo (-2½) at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 (ESPN/ABC)

GOLF

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SECOND ROUND

Peiyun Chien	66 64	— 130	-14
Ruixin Liu	65 69	— 134	-10
Morgane Metraux	68 66	— 134	-10
Ruoning Yin	68 66	— 134	-10
Charley Hull	67 68	— 135	-9
Yuka Saso	69 66	— 135	-9
Perrine Delacour	67 69	— 136	-8
Nasa Hataoka	73 63	— 136	-8
Minjee Lee	67 69	— 136	-8
Emily Pedersen	67 69	— 136	-8
Linnea Strom	66 70	— 136	-8
Madelene Sagstrom	69 68	— 137	-7
Elizabeth Szokol	66 71	— 137	-7
Ariya Jutanugarn	69 69	— 138	-6
Andrea Lee	71 67	— 138	-6
Gabriela Ruffels	69 69	— 138	-6
Pavarisa Yoktuan	68 70	— 138	-6
Rose Zhang	70 68	— 138	-6
Hye Jin Choi	67 72	— 139	-5
Ally Ewing	69 70	— 139	-5
Maria Fassi	68 71	— 139	-5
Jennifer Kupcho	69 70	— 139	-5
Stephanie Meadow	68 71	— 139	-5
Yealimi Noh	68 71	— 139	-5
Alexa Pano	73 66	— 139	-5
Paula Reto	73 66	— 139	-5
Dottie Ardina	66 74	— 140	-4
Cydney Clanton	71 69	— 140	-4
Olivia Cowan	73 67	— 140	-4
Brooke Henderson	71 69	— 140	-4
Esther Henseleit	70 70	— 140	-4
Dani Holmqvist	69 71	— 140	-4
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	70 70	— 140	-4
Azahara Munoz	71 69	— 140	-4
Mel Reid	71 69	— 140	-4
Christina Kim	70 71	— 141	-3
Gina Kim	72 69	— 141	-3
Lydia Ko	68 73	— 141	-3
Pernilla Lindberg	70 71	— 141	-3
Sydnee Michaels	69 72	— 141	-3
Yuna Nishimura	72 69	— 141	-3
Lexi Thompson	73 68	— 141	-3
Mariajo Uribe	68 73	— 141	-3
Samantha Wagner	72 69	— 141	-3
Dewi Weber	73 68	— 141	-3
Arpichaya Yubol	71 70	— 141	-3
Lauren Coughlin	70 72	— 142	-2
Dana Fall	73 69	— 142	-2
Lauren Hartlage	69 73	— 142	-2
Linnea Johansson	68 74	— 142	-2
Moriya Jutanugarn	69 73	— 142	-2
Frida Kinhult	70 72	— 142	-2
Mi Hyang Lee	74 68	— 142	-2
Jeong Eun Lee5	72 70	— 142	-2
Xiyu Lin	73 69	— 142	-2
Gaby Lopez	71 71	— 142	-2
Hae-Ran Ryu	67 75	— 142	-2
Jenny Shin	70 72	— 142	-2
Jennifer Song	70 72	— 142	-2
Mariah Stackhouse	73 69	— 142	-2
Bailey Tardy	69 73	— 142	-2
Gabriella Then	69 73	— 142	-2
Angel Yin	71 71	— 142	-2
Weiwei Zhang	71 71	— 142	-2
Brittany Altomare	69 74	— 143	-1
Na Rin An	72 71	— 143	-1
Jaravee Boonchant	70 73	— 143	-1
Lindy Duncan	71 72	— 143	-1
Muni He	73 70	— 143	-1
Sarah Kemp	72 71	— 143	-1
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Stephanie Kyriacou	71 72	— 143	-1
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Yan Liu	71 72	— 143	-1
Yu Liu	74 69	— 143	-1
Pornanong Phatlum	70 73	— 143	-1
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Jasmine Suwannapura	74 69	— 143	-1
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Faith Kilgore	73 72	— 145	+1
Amelia Lewis	71 74	— 145	+1
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Sung Hyun Park	70 75	— 145	+1
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Pauline Roussin	75 70	— 145	+1
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Jing Yan	73 72	— 145	+1
Marina Alex	75 71	— 146	+2
Brianna Do	71 75	— 146	+2
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	75 71	— 146	+2
Yaeeun Hong	73 73	— 146	+2
Hyo Joon Jang	73 73	— 146	+2
Grace Kim	71 75	— 146	+2
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Wichanee Meechai	73 73	— 146	+2
Sophia Schubert	73 73	— 146	+2
Luna Sobron Galmes	72 74	— 146	+2
Haru Nomura	72 75	— 147	+3
Maddie Szeryk	72 75	— 147	+3
Karis Davidson	77 71	— 148	+4
Amanda Doherty	77 71	— 148	+4
Mina Harigae	74 74	— 148	+4
Celine Herbin	77 71	— 148	+4
Yu-Sang Hou	78 70	— 148	+4
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Bronte Law	73 75	— 148	+4
Mia Hammond	72 77	— 149	+5
Wei-Ling Hsu	73 76	— 149	+5
Soo Bin Joo	71 78	— 149	+5
Lucy Li	72 77	— 149	+5
Kiira Riihijarvi	72 77	— 149	+5
Magdalena Simmermacher	75 74	— 149	+5
Marissa Steen	72 77	— 149	+5
Maria Torres	80 69	— 149	+5
Amy Yang	75 74	— 149	+5
Sofia Garcia	73 77	— 150	+6
Paula Creamer	72 79	— 151	+7
Su-Hyun Oh	76 75	— 151	+7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

THURSDAY'S RESULT
SOUTH
at Louisville 56, Murray State 0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
EAST
at Rhode Island 35, Stony Brook 14
MIDWEST
at Indiana 41, Indiana State 7
at Kansas 34, Illinois 23

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Delaware State (0-1) at Army (0-1), noon
Holy Cross (1-0) at Boston College (0-1), noon
Delaware (1-0) at Penn State (1-0), noon
Sacred Heart (0-1) at Georgetown (1-0), 12:30
Miami (Ohio) (0-1) at Massachusetts (1-1), 3:30
Wagner (0-1) at Navy (0-1), 3:30
Western Michigan (1-0) at Syracuse (1-0), 3:30
Fordham (1-1) at Buffalo (0-1), 6
Duquesne (1-0) at West Virginia (0-1), 6
Colgate (0-1) at Villanova (1-0), 6
Monmouth (N.J.) (0-1) at Towson (0-1), 6
Cincinnati (1-0) at Pittsburgh (1-0), 6:30
Morehouse (0-0) at Howard (0-1), 7
Charlotte (1-0) at Maryland (1-0), 7:30
Temple (1-0) at Rutgers (1-0), 7:30
SOUTH
Vanderbilt (2-0) at Wake Forest (1-0), 11 a.m.
Purdue (0-1) at Virginia Tech (1-0), noon
Notre Dame (2-0) at North Carolina State (1-0), noon
Ball State (0-1) at Georgia (1-0), noon
James Madison (1-0) at Virginia (0-1), noon
South Carolina State (0-2) at Georgia Tech (0-1), 1
Charleston Southern (1-0) at Clemson (0-0), 2:15
Eastern Kentucky (0-1) at Kentucky (1-0), 3
Mississippi (1-0) at Tulane (1-0), 3:30
Texas A&M (1-0) at Miami (1-0), 3:30
Marshall (1-0) at East Carolina (0-1), 4
Austin Peay (0-1) at Tennessee (1-0), 5
Appalachian State (1-0) at North Carolina (1-0), 5:15
Wofford (0-1) at William & Mary (1-0), 6
UAB (1-0) at Georgia Southern (1-0), 6
Norfolk State (0-1) at Hampton (1-0), 6
Louisiana Lafayette (1-0) at Old Dominion (0-1), 6
Ohio (1-1) at FAU (1-0), 6
New Mexico State (1-1) at Liberty (1-0), 6
Lafayette (1-0) at Duke (0-0), 6
North Texas (0-1) at FIU (1-1), 6:30
Florida A&M (1-0) at South Florida (0-1), 7
Texas (1-0) at Alabama (1-0), 7
Houston Christian (1-0) at Western Kentucky (1-0), 7
Connecticut (0-1) at Georgia State (1-0), 7
Northwestern State (0-1) at Louisiana Tech (1-1), 7
Jackson State (1-1) at Southern (0-1), 7
Jacksonville State (2-0) at Coastal Carolina (0-1), 7
McNeese State (0-1) at Florida (0-1), 7:30
Grambling State (0-1) at LSU (0-1), 7:30
Arizona (1-0) at Mississippi State (1-0), 7:30
Furman (1-0) at South Carolina (0-1), 7:30
Southern Mississippi (1-0) at Florida State (1-0), 8:30
MIDWEST
Troy (1-0) at Kansas State (1-0), noon
Youngstown State (1-0) at Ohio State (1-0), noon
Taylor (0-0) at Butler (0-1), 1
New Hampshire (1-0) at Central Michigan (0-1), 1:30
Eastern Illinois (1-0) at Bowling Green (0-1), 2
Maine (0-1) at North Dakota State (1-0), 3:30
UTEP (1-1) at Northwestern (0-1), 3:30
UNLV (1-0) at Michigan (1-0), 3:30
Richmond (0-1) at Michigan State (1-0), 3:30
Southern Illinois (1-0) at Northern Illinois (1-0), 3:30
Texas Southern (0-1) at Toledo (0-1), 3:30
Iowa (1-0) at Iowa State (1-0), 3:30
Northern Arizona (0-1) at North Dakota (1-0), 4
Weber State (1-0) at Northern Iowa (0-1), 5
Morgan State (1-0) at Akron (0-1), 6
Valparaiso (0-1) at Indiana Wesleyan (0-0), 6
Middle Tennessee (0-1) at Missouri (1-0), 7
Northwestern (IA) (0-0) at Drake (0-1), 7
Montana State (1-0) at South Dakota State (1-0), 7
Eastern Michigan (1-0) at Minnesota (1-0), 7:30
SOUTHWEST
Utah (1-0) at Baylor (0-1), noon
Texas State (1-0) at UTSA (0-1), 3:30
Kent State (0-1) at Arkansas (1-0), 4
SMU (1-0) at Oklahoma (1-0), 6
Memphis (1-0) at Arkansas State (0-1), 7
Oregon (1-0) at Texas Tech (0-1), 7
Houston (1-0) at Rice (0-1), 7
Nicholls (0-1) at TCU (0-1), 8
Sam Houston State (0-1) vs. Air Force (1-0) in Houston, 8
WEST
Nebraska (0-1) at Colorado (1-0), noon
Southern Utah (0-1) at BYU (1-0), 3
Portland State (0-1) at Wyoming (1-0), 4
Cal Poly (1-0) at San Jose State (0-2), 4
Tulsa (1-0) at Washington (1-0), 5
UCF (1-0) at Boise State (0-1), 7
Idaho (1-0) at Nevada (0-1), 7
UCLA (1-0) at San Diego State (2-0), 7:30
Wisconsin (1-0) at Washington State (1-0), 7:30
Idaho State (0-1) at Utah State (0-1), 8
Tennessee Tech (0-1) at New Mexico (0-1), 8
Eastern Washington (0-1) at Fresno State (1-0), 9
UC Davis (1-0) at Oregon State (1-0), 9
Auburn (1-0) at California (1-0), 10:30
Oklahoma State (1-0) at Arizona State (1-0), 10:30
Stanford (1-0) at Southern Cal (2-0), 10:30

SUNDAY'S GAME
WEST
Albany (N.Y.) (1-1) at Hawaii (0-2), midnight

Indiana 41, Indiana State 7

INDIANA STATE	0	7	0	0	— 7
INDIANA	21	3	7	10	— 41

FIRST QUARTER
IND: J.Lucas 25 run (Freeman kick), 12:02.
IND: J.Lucas 25 run (Freeman kick), 8:52.
IND: T.Jackson 10 run (Freeman kick), 2:04.

SECOND QUARTER
INST: Blackwell 75 fumble return (Ruiz kick), 2:00.
IND: FG Freeman 28, :17.

THIRD QUARTER
IND: C.Turner 1 run (Radicic kick), 1:39.

FOURTH QUARTER
IND: J.Henderson 3 run (Radicic kick), 10:50.
IND: FG Radicic 21, 2:43.

	Indiana State	Indiana
First Downs	8	33
Total Net Yards	93	558
Rushes-Yards	32-72	42-214
Passing	21	344
Punt Returns	1-0	2--17
Kickoff Returns	1-17	2-39
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	3-11-1	27-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-16	1-1
Punts	8-38.875	2-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-65	7-60
Time Of Possession	24:21	35:39

PASSING
Indiana State: Olaes 3-9-1-21, Screws 0-2-0-0. **Indiana:** T.Jackson 18-21-0-236, Sorsby 9-16-0-108.

RUSHING
Indiana State: Allen 5-24, Olaes 12-17, Hodge 6-16, Dinka 5-14, Caton 1-4, (Team) 1-(minus 1), Screws 2-(minus 2). **Indiana:** J.Lucas 10-88, Henderson 12-60, Sorsby 6-28, Howland 4-19, C.Turner 3-11, T.Jackson 6-9, Holloman 1-(minus 1).

RECEIVING
Indiana State: Caton 2-6, Van Dyne 1-15. **Indiana:** Cooper 7-101, Do.McCulley 4-58, J.Lucas 4-39, Henderson 3-55, Camper 3-37, Bomba 2-16, D.Carter 2-16, Archer 1-12, E.Williams 1-10.

Kansas 34, Illinois 23

ILLINOIS	0	7	8	8	— 23
KANSAS	14	14	6	0	— 34

FIRST QUARTER
KU: Locklin 4 pass from Daniels (Keller kick), 9:20.
KU: Casey 5 pass from Daniels (Keller kick), :07.

SECOND QUARTER
KU: Neal 5 run (Keller kick), 3:12.
ILL: Reiman 4 pass from Altmyer (C.Griffin kick), :41.
KU: Hishaw 1 run (Keller kick), :05.

THIRD QUARTER
KU: FG Keller 41, 13:14.
KU: FG Keller 30, 3:46.
ILL: Altmyer 72 run (McCray run), 1:35.

FOURTH QUARTER
ILL: Altmyer 6 run (Love pass from Altmyer), 8:08.
Attendance: 45,809.

	Illinois	Kansas
First Downs	19	27
Total Net Yards	341	539
Rushes-Yards	28-139	44-262
Passing	202	277
Punt Returns	0-0	1--2
Kickoff Returns	1-30	2-41
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	19-28-2	21-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-28	2-15
Punts	4-41.5	1-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-58	4-34
Time Of Possession	23:21	36:39

PASSING
Illinois: Altmyer 19-28-2-202. **Kansas:** Daniels 21-29-1-277.

RUSHING
Illinois: Altmyer 13-70, Love 8-45, McCray 4-20, Feagin 1-5, (Team) 1-0, Moore 1-(minus 1). **Kansas:** Neal 10-120, Hishaw 12-98, Daniels 11-24, McDuffie 7-19, Skinner 1-2, Locklin 1-1, (Team) 2-(minus 2).

RECEIVING
Illinois: Williams 6-99, Moore 4-56, Beatty 3-23, Washington 3-14, Love 1-4, Reiman 1-4, P.Bryant 1-2. **Kansas:** Arnold 5-89, Neal 4-47, Grimm 3-69, Skinner 2-24, Emilien 2-15, Wilson 2-8, Fairchild 1-16, Casey 1-5, Locklin 1-4.

HIGH SCHOOLS

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
FOOTBALL
D.C.
Fort Hill 23, Coolidge 0
MARYLAND
Concordia Prep 46, Old Mill 0
Northern 45, Thomas Stone 0
Great Mills 24, Leonardtown 8
North Point 55, La Plata 0
Broadneck 28, Arundel 7
VIRGINIA
Washington-Liberty 49, Lewis 7
Battlefield 39, Gar-Field 14
Colonial Forge 35, Potomac 14
South Lakes 65, Falls Church 0
Gainesville 34, Woodbridge 20
Yorktown 34, Wakefield 9
PRIVATE
Landon 24, St. Paul's 0
Gonzaga 45, Fordham Prep (N.Y.) 0

GIRLS' TENNIS
PRIVATE
Episcopal 7, Bishop O'Connell 0

GIRLS' SOCCER
PRIVATE
Episcopal 1, Bishop Ireton 1

FIELD HOCKEY
MARYLAND
Wootton 7, Rockville 0
Whitman 4, Clarksburg 0

VOLLEYBALL
D.C.
Jackson Reed def. Potomac School, 3-2 (25-22, 21-25, 25-22, 22-25, 15-8)
MARYLAND
Paint Branch def. Watkins Mill, 3-2
Northern def. South River, 3-0
PRIVATE
St. John's (D.C.) def. St. John Paul the Great (Va.), 3-0 (25–15, 25–17, 25–6)
Bishop O'Connell def. Archbishop Spalding, 3-0
Garrison Forest def. Glenelg Country, 3-0 (25-17, 25-13, 25-23)

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Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — SEMIFINALS
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Ben Shelton, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4); Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Carlos Alcaraz (1), Spain, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (3), Britain, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Matthew Ebden (6), Australia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — SEMIFINALS
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Erin Routliffe (16), New Zealand, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Wang Xinyu (8), China, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4); Vera Zvonareva, Russia, and Laura Siegemund (12), Germany, def. Jennifer Brady, United States, and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 6-4, 6-1.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	17	4	6	57	44	30
New England	13	5	8	47	45	31
Orlando City	13	6	8	47	41	31
Philadelphia	14	8	4	46	47	31
Columbus	13	8	6	45	54	37
Atlanta	11	8	9	42	51	43
Nashville	11	9	7	40	32	27
CF Montréal	11	14	2	35	28	40
D.C. United	9	12	6	33	37	38
Chicago	8	11	8	32	32	42
Charlotte FC	7	9	10	31	34	43
New York City FC	6	10	12	30	28	36
New York	7	12	8	29	24	33
Inter Miami CF	7	14	4	25	27	37
Toronto FC	4	13	10	22	23	39
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis City SC	15	10	2	47	53	35
Seattle	11	9	8	41	34	29
Los Angeles FC	11	8	7	40	40	30
Real Salt Lake	11	9	7	40	38	39
Houston	11	10	6	39	36	31
Vancouver	10	8	8	38	43	36
Minnesota United	9	8	9	36	33	32
San Jose	9	9	9	36	32	36
FC Dallas	9	10	7	34	29	30
Austin FC	9	12	6	33	38	43
Sporting KC	8	11	8	32	36	37
Portland	7	11	9	30	32	44
LA Galaxy	7	10	8	29	31	39
Colorado	3	13	10	19	16	39

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
at D.C. United 4, Chicago 0
Vancouver 1, at New York City FC 1
Orlando City 1, at Cincinnati 0
Columbus 4, at CF Montréal 2
Austin FC 2, at New England 2
Atlanta 2, at FC Dallas 2
at Sporting KC 2, St. Louis City SC 1
Charlotte FC 1, at Nashville 1
at Real Salt Lake 2, Colorado 0
Houston 0, at LA Galaxy 0
Minnesota 1, at San Jose 1
Portland 2, at Seattle 2

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
at Philadelphia 4, New York 1
Miami 3, at Los Angeles FC 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
San Jose at D.C. United, 7:30
Sporting KC at Miami, 7:30
New England at Minnesota, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCH
St. Louis City SC at LA Galaxy, 8

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
New York at New York City FC, 3:30
Miami at Atlanta, 5
Chicago at CF Montréal, 7:30
Columbus at Orlando City, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30
Vancouver at Toronto FC, 7:30
Seattle at FC Dallas, 8:30
St. Louis City SC at Houston, 8:30
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 8:30
New England at Colorado, 9:30
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Portland at Austin FC, 8:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	9	6	3	30	26	20
Portland	8	5	5	29	38	25
North Carolina	8	6	4	28	26	19
OL Reign	8	7	3	27	25	21
Gotham FC	7	5	6	27	21	19
Washington	6	4	8	26	24	25
Louisville	5	4	9	24	22	18
Angel City	6	6	6	24	22	25
Orlando	7	10	1	22	21	24
Houston	4	6	8	20	12	15
Chicago	6	10	2	20	22	39
Kansas City	6	11	1	19	19	28

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
Angel City 1, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Gotham FC 3, at North Carolina 3
at Louisville 2, Portland 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 2, at Washington 0
at OL Reign 1, Orlando 0
at San Diego 1, Houston 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15
Houston at Louisville, 7:30

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
Washington at Gotham FC, 7:30
Kansas City at San Diego, 10
OL Reign at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17
Angel City at Chicago, 6
North Carolina at Orlando, 7

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21
Orlando at Angel City, 10

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30
Kansas City at Washington, 7
Louisville at Chicago, 8
San Diego at Portland, 10:30

SUNDAY, OCT. 1
Houston at Gotham FC, 6:30
North Carolina at OL Reign, 8

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EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	32	7	.821	—
y-Connecticut	27	12	.692	5
y-Atlanta	19	20	.487	13
y-Washington	18	21	.462	14
Chicago	17	22	.436	15
Indiana	12	27	.308	20
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
xy-Las Vegas	32	6	.842	—
y-Dallas	21	18	.538	11½
y-Minnesota	19	20	.487	13½
Los Angeles	16	23	.410	16½
Seattle	11	28	.282	21½
x-Phoenix	9	29	.237	23

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 80, at Washington 75
at Connecticut 76, Indiana 59
at Chicago 92, Minnesota 87
at Dallas 106, Seattle 91
Las Vegas at Phoenix, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Washington at New York, 1
Chicago at Connecticut, 1
Dallas at Atlanta, 1
Minnesota at Indiana, 1
Los Angeles at Seattle, 3
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 3

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Dream 80, Mystics 75

Atlanta	21	21	19	19	— 80
Washington	17	18	25	15	— 75

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	31:46	1-3	4-4	0-8	1	3	6
Howard	36:55	8-20	4-7	3-12	4	2	21
Parker	31:30	6-19	2-2	1-5	1	3	17
Gray	37:21	4-12	7-7	1-8	1	2	17
Robinson	28:53	1-5	4-6	1-3	3	3	6
Hillmon	16:44	2-2	2-2	3-6	1	0	6
Jones	15:59	3-5	1-1	0-5	2	1	7
Amihere	0:52	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	**200**	**25-66**	**24-29**	**9-47**	**13**	**15**	**80**

Percentages: FG .379, FT .828. **3-Point Goals:** 6-24, .250 (Parker 3-4, Gray 2-7, Howard 1-9, Billings 0-1, Jones 0-1, Robinson 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 10. **Team Turnovers:** 3. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Howard). **Turnovers:** 10 (Howard 3, Gray 2, Jones 2, Parker 2, Robinson). **Steals:** 4 (Howard 2, Jones, Robinson). **Technical Fouls:** Parker, 6:58 third.

WASHINGTON	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Delle Donne	25:47	4-14	4-5	0-6	1	1	13
Sykes	37:47	11-24	0-0	1-5	2	4	27
Hines-Allen	21:22	4-6	1-2	1-7	4	2	9
Atkins	17:04	0-5	0-0	0-1	1	4	0
Cloud	35:15	1-5	4-4	1-5	15	2	7
Hawkins	19:13	2-4	1-1	1-4	0	3	5
Walker-Kimbrough	19:00	4-7	0-0	0-1	1	1	11
Egbo	13:23	0-2	0-0	0-3	0	3	0
Meng	11:09	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	3
TOTALS	**200**	**27-70**	**10-12**	**4-32**	**24**	**21**	**75**

Percentages: FG .386, FT .833. **3-Point Goals:** 11-31, .355 (Sykes 5-13, Walker-Kimbrough 3-6, Cloud 1-2, Delle Donne 1-3, Meng 1-3, Hawkins 0-1, Atkins 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 2. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Cloud, Delle Donne). **Turnovers:** 7 (Cloud 2, Hawkins 2, Hines-Allen 2, Sykes). **Steals:** 6 (Hines-Allen 2, Sykes 2, Delle Donne, Hawkins). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 4,210 (4,200).

Sun 76, Fever 59

Indiana	10	21	13	15	— 59
Connecticut	26	11	22	17	— 76

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Smith	34:07	6-13	1-2	1-6	1	4	14
Vivians	28:05	0-6	0-0	0-4	2	2	0
Boston	29:11	3-10	1-2	3-7	2	2	7
Mitchell	34:13	5-12	3-5	1-2	2	4	15
Wheeler	27:13	5-10	3-3	1-5	3	3	14
Berger	15:51	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2
Caldwell	14:38	0-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	1
Cannon	8:13	1-2	2-2	0-2	0	1	4
Saxton	5:20	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Zahui B	3:09	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
TOTALS	**200**	**22-63**	**11-16**	**6-27**	**11**	**21**	**59**

Percentages: FG .349, FT .688. **3-Point Goals:** 4-18, .222 (Mitchell 2-6, Smith 1-1, Wheeler 1-2, Berger 0-1, Boston 0-1, Cannon 0-1, Zahui B 0-1, Caldwell 0-2, Vivians 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Smith 2, Caldwell). **Turnovers:** 13 (Smith 3, Vivians 3, Berger 2, Cannon 2, Wheeler 2, Boston). **Steals:** 10 (Wheeler 3, Mitchell 2, Vivians 2, Boston, Cannon, Smith). **Technical Fouls:** Fever, 00:19 first.

CONNECTICUT	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Allen	19:50	3-5	0-0	0-2	1	0	8
Bonner	26:35	4-11	1-2	2-8	5	3	10
Thomas	30:42	3-7	4-5	3-14	8	3	10
Hayes	23:29	6-8	1-1	0-2	1	2	14
Hiedeman	22:59	3-7	1-2	0-0	1	1	10
Nelson-Ododa	27:42	3-6	0-2	0-3	0	2	6
Harris	21:04	3-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	6
Carrington	16:17	3-8	4-4	1-6	2	3	10
Brown	11:22	1-3	0-1	0-1	0	1	2
TOTALS	**200**	**29-58**	**11-17**	**6-37**	**19**	**17**	**76**

Percentages: FG .500, FT .647. **3-Point Goals:** 7-19, .368 (Hiedeman 3-6, Allen 2-2, Hayes 1-2, Bonner 1-6, Brown 0-1, Carrington 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Bonner 2, Nelson-Ododa 2, Allen). **Turnovers:** 17 (Thomas 8, Bonner 2, Brown 2, Hiedeman 2, Carrington, Harris, Nelson-Ododa). **Steals:** 6 (Bonner 2, Carrington, Hiedeman, Nelson-Ododa, Thomas). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 5,064 (9,323).

Wings 106, Storm 91

Seattle	20	25	25	21	— 91
Dallas	32	24	26	24	— 106

SEATTLE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Horston	20:43	2-3	1-1	2-4	2	4	5
Magbegor	33:58	5-11	4-4	3-9	4	4	15
Russell	30:08	6-6	0-0	1-4	3	5	12
Loyd	40:00	10-30	8-10	1-3	4	1	33
Whitcomb	34:58	1-5	2-2	0-2	8	1	5
Nurse	21:06	7-10	1-2	0-1	1	2	19
Holmes	10:25	0-4	0-0	1-1	0	2	0
Fankam Mendjiadeu	3:40	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Turner	3:13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Melbourne	1:49	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS	**200**	**31-69**	**18-21**	**8-24**	**22**	**19**	**91**

Percentages: FG .449, FT .857. **3-Point Goals:** 11-25, .440 (Loyd 5-12, Nurse 4-6, Magbegor 1-2, Whitcomb 1-4, Holmes 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Holmes, Magbegor). **Turnovers:** 16 (Magbegor 4, Russell 4, Loyd 3, Horston 2, Whitcomb 2, Turner). **Steals:** 5 (Whitcomb 3, Holmes, Russell). **Technical Fouls:** None.

DALLAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Howard	37:35	8-12	4-4	2-9	4	3	23
Sabally	31:52	6-12	8-10	1-7	8	4	21
McCowan	25:48	8-12	0-2	3-9	3	3	16
Burton	27:34	3-5	0-0	1-2	2	5	7
Ogunbowale	39:18	8-18	0-0	1-3	10	5	19
Brown	14:42	5-6	2-2	1-5	1	0	12
Sims	12:26	0-1	1-2	0-0	1	1	1
Kuier	6:35	3-3	1-1	0-1	0	1	7
Siegrist	4:10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**41-69**	**16-21**	**9-36**	**30**	**22**	**106**

Percentages: FG .594, FT .762. **3-Point Goals:** 8-20, .400 (Howard 3-5, Ogunbowale 3-9, Burton 1-3, Sabally 1-3). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Brown 2, Burton, Howard, McCowan). **Turnovers:** 15 (Howard 7, Ogunbowale 2, Sabally 2, Brown, Burton, McCowan, Sims). **Steals:** 7 (Burton 2, Ogunbowale 2, Sabally 2, Howard). **Technical Fouls:** Wings, 2:28 third. **A:** 4,546 (7,000).

Sky 92, Lynx 87

Minnesota	19	20	23	25	— 87
Chicago	16	28	22	26	— 92

MINNESOTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Collier	37:39	11-19	6-7	3-8	5	4	28
Miller	34:41	10-11	1-3	1-3	0	2	24
Juhász	29:13	3-6	2-2	1-10	5	2	8
McBride	33:27	5-13	4-4	0-3	4	1	16
Mitchell	29:45	4-8	0-0	1-3	5	3	10
Carleton	19:50	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	1	0
Milic	7:45	0-2	1-2	1-2	0	1	1
Banham	7:40	0-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**33-65**	**14-18**	**7-31**	**24**	**14**	**87**

Percentages: FG .508, FT .778. **3-Point Goals:** 7-19, .368 (Miller 3-4, Mitchell 2-4, McBride 2-5, Carleton 0-1, Juhász 0-2, Banham 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Juhász). **Turnovers:** 16 (Collier 3, McBride 3, Miller 3, Mitchell 3, Juhász 2, Banham, Milic). **Steals:** 11 (Collier 4, Carleton 2, Juhász 2, Banham, McBride, Miller). **Technical Fouls:** Lynx, 4:30 second.

CHICAGO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Copper	34:18	7-18	1-1	0-4	5	2	20
Smith	20:50	4-6	2-4	2-3	1	3	11
E.Williams	28:24	2-6	0-0	2-4	4	3	4
Mabrey	27:57	6-14	3-3	1-2	1	3	19
C.Williams	29:55	6-11	0-0	0-3	11	2	13
Evans	19:27	3-9	3-4	1-3	2	2	9
Koné	19:10	3-5	0-0	3-10	1	1	6
Hebard	11:36	4-5	2-2	0-3	0	0	10
Parks	8:23	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	**200**	**35-75**	**11-14**	**9-32**	**25**	**17**	**92**

Percentages: FG .467, FT .786. **3-Point Goals:** 11-22, .500 (Copper 5-8, Mabrey 4-7, C.Williams 1-1, Smith 1-2, Parks 0-1, Evans 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (Hebard, Koné). **Turnovers:** 15 (C.Williams 4, Copper 4, Evans 3, Koné 3, Hebard). **Steals:** 8 (Mabrey 4, E.Williams 2, Copper, Evans). **Technical Fouls:** Copper, 3:22 fourth.

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The property to be sold consists of the Original Secured Property located in the District of Columbia which is currently subdivided and is as follows:
Lot Numbered One Hundred Eighty-One (181) in Harry Wardman and other subdivision of Lot Numbered Thirty-Six (36) in the subdivision of the "The South Grounds of Columbia University" and of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block 18 "Meridian Hill", per plat of said first mentioned subdivision recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber County 19 at Folio 76, (the "Real Property") which has the address of 1461 Chapin Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009. Square 2662 Lot 0181. (The "Original Secured Property")
The property consists of 4 individual condominium units and one parking space. The units were a former portion of Square 2662 Lot 0181, which is currently subdivided into Square 2662 Lots 2291-2295 being further described as follows:
Residential Units One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Parking Space One (P-1) in the Condominium known as "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" according to the Declaration of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019030747, and the By-Laws of Condominium dated May 9, 2018, and recorded March 26, 2019, as Instrument No. 2019030748, and said final Plat and Plans of Condominium Subdivision recorded December 15, 2022, in Condo Book 104 at Page 50, as amended by that First Amended and Restated Declaration and that First Amended and Restated Bylaws as Instrument Numbers 2022125679 and 2022125680 on December 23, 2022, among the Land Records of the District of Columbia, and any recorded amendments thereto as of the date hereof, together with an undivided percentage share interest in the Common Elements of said "MERIDIAN OVERLOOK CONDOMINIUM" as set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and the Exhibits thereto, the Condominium Declaration allocates to the Condominium Residential Units an undivided interest (stated as a percentage) in the common elements of the Condominium (hereinafter called the "Percentage Interest")
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Parcel ID: 2662-2293 1461 Chapin Street, NW # 3
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1461 Chapin Street, NW Units 1, 2, 3, 4 & P-1
(Collectively, the "Subdivided Property")
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property").
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The property will be offered individually and as an entirety. The sale will be made in the manner producing the greater amount of money. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to change the manner of offering at the time of sale.
The bid which yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Substitute Trustees (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Substitute Trustees absolutely reserve the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the deposit in the required amount and form is received by the Substitute Trustees. A deposit in the amount of $25,000 per unit for Units 1, 2, 3, 4 if sold individually and a deposit of $5,000 on Parking Space (P-1) if sold individually. If the combined bids on those units and parking space sold individually does not satisfy the debt, then those bids shall be held in abeyance, and the units and parking space shall be offered together. If sold as an entirety, a deposit in the amount of $105,000. The highest bid offered between the combined bids of the units and parking space sold individually or the units and parking space sold as an entirety shall be the winning bid. All deposits must be in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in any other form suitable to the Substitute Trustees in their sole discretion, shall be required at the time of sale, except no deposit shall be required of the secured party, its successors or assigns. The deposit must be increased to 10% of the winning bid amount and delivered to the Substitute Trustees within one business day after the consummation of the sale in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. Failure to timely tender the deposit shall constitute a material default by the purchaser. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Substitute Trustees from submitting any bidding deposit. The Substitute Trustees will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement, provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser fails to consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, at the option of the Substitute Trustees, shall immediately be forfeited. The terms of sale must be complied with and settlement consummated thereon within 30 days from day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Substitute Trustees. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the note default rate of 23% per annum from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement in certified funds; and if not so paid by the time specified herein, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Substitute Trustees and all expenses of this sale (including attorney fees and full commission on the gross sales price of the sale) shall be charged against and paid from the forfeited deposit. The Substitute Trustees shall be entitled to avail themselves and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. In the event of a resale, the defaulting Purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property regardless of any improvements made to the real property. In the event that settlement is delayed for ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, there shall be no abatement of interest.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Substitute Trustees or any other party and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, compliance, quality, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, or (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning and construction laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety and building codes and regulations, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Substitute Trustees or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Substitute Trustees' Deed, without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey either insurable or marketable title, then Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the Purchaser. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the date of sale will be upon the successful purchaser. Sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, violations, liens, sewer, water, drainage and other public improvements whether assessments have been levied or not and whether such have been recorded or not. The Noteholder and Substitute Trustees assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, water and sewer charges, utilities and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, financing charges and fees, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale. For further information, please contact Paul Cooper 443-470-1437.

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